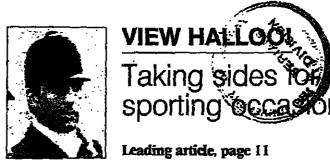


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Saddam threatens reprisal against 'aggression'

Americans shoot down Iraqi MiG

By Jamie Dettmer and James Bone

AN AMERICAN warplane shot down an Iraqi MiG fighter yesterday after what the Pentagon described as a grave challenge to the "no-

fly zone over southern Iraq. The MiG was attacked after its pilot ignored an order from a pair of US F16 combat aircraft to retreat north of the 32nd parallel. One air-to-air missile was fired and the plane was hit another Iraqi jet escaped to the north.

The confrontation came during the second of two sorties by Iraqi planes into the exclusion area, which was imposed by Britain, France and America in August to shield Shia marsh Arabs from President Saddam Hussein's forces. Two Iraqi MiGs had earlier crossed the 32nd parallel, but retreated when American jets bore down on them. Twenty minutes later, the MiGs reappeared and were approached and warned by the F16s. The Iraqi pilots. "turned to confront the US aircraft" and were attacked, according to US Central Command in Florida.

The fate of the Iraqi pilot was unkown, but American airmen allowed an Iraqi search-and-rescue helicopter enter the exclusion zone to

fly to the crash site. Baghdad last night denounced the American action and said it reserved the right to respond "to this aggression in the suitable manner at an appropriate time". An official spokesman said that the MiG had been on a routine patrol "over our national territory and within our borders" when it was intercepted by "planes of the vicious alliance".

Yesterday's clash was the

second time that Baghdad

By twice ordering his jets to infiltrate the "no-fly" zone in southern Iraq yesterday, Saddam Hussein may have been testing American resolve during the Bush-Clinton handover

had challenged the southern "no-fly" zone. Two weeks ago. an Iraqi warplane made an unpublicised incursion, but fled before it could be con-fronted by the allies. That incident was regarded as a deliberate attempt to probe the allies' resolve, and a Western official said yesterday: "Iraq is testing the determination of the coalition, given the change in the US administration and given the focus on Somalia and Bosnia."

The "no-fly" zone was imposed in August - along with one north of the 36th parallel to protect the Kurds -- without the specific authority of the UN. A security council resolution passed during the Kurdish exodus just after the end of the Guif war demanded that Iraq stop repressing its various ethnic groups, but it was deliberately split off from the main ceasefire resolution because council members did not want it to authorise the use of force. The flight bans were, however, based on an emerging principle that allows force to be used to avert a humani-

tarian catastrophe. For the first lew months, the south was policed without confrontation and more than 7,500 somes were flown by Western aircraft - including British Tornado and reconnaissance plans - without incident or challenge. But recently, according the Pentagon, Iraqi jets had begun to play a "cat and mouse game" with the Americans and Rob-

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and 31 on the M25.

ert Gates, the director of the

CIA, described yesterday's

clash as part of a pattern of "increasing In the past few days, the Bush administration has been alarmed by reports suggesting that Saddam has massed forces close to the Kurdish enclave in the north, raising fears that he could suddenly attack. Baghdad has also been suspected of being behind a series of bombings of relief trucks that led the UN to



suspend its aid convoys to the Kurds on December 19.

On the same day, it emerged yesterday, Saddam declared that he would "apply the rule of law" in northern Iraq once the West lifted its air umbrella from teh region. He told Bulent Ecevit, leader of the Turkish Democratic Left party: "Once foreign troops are out, the people in the north will kick these elements (Kurdish rebels) out and establish peace and security in this area as part of Iraq. We wish, when the circumstances are better, to

apply the rule of law in

northern Iraq."

While the UN has been concentrating on helping the Kurds through the winter, it admits it has neglected the Shias to the south. Several hundred UN guards are stationed in the north, but the new UN Memorandum of Understanding with Iraq on humanitarian operations stipulates that none can police the southern marshes. Emma Nicholson MP told the security council recently that there were no UN personnel in the south and Max van der Stoel, the UN human rights rapporteur for Iraq, called last month for monitors to be sent to the area.

Before the exlusion ban was introduced, Mr van der Stoel told the security council that he feared an Iraq offensive against the Shias that could mirror the attempted genocide of the Kurds in the 1980s. In his report last month, he said that human rights in the south had not improved.

Britain was among the the nations pressing hardest for the "no-fly" zone in the south, where Iraqi forces had been systematically harassing and intimidating Saddam's Shia opponents, many of whom fled to the marshes, and the government will give firm backing to the Americans over yesterday's confrontation.

The incident is, however,

likely to increase pressure from Muslim countries for Britain and America to enforce the "no-fly" zone over Bosnia-Herzegovina. But Bush administration officials dismissed suggestions yesterday that the clash could be a convenient way of sending a tough message to Belgrade. indicating how serious America would be in enforcing the



Face of authority: a Palestinian boy is arrested and forced into a jeep by a hooded Israeli border policeman in East Jerusalem during weekend clashes provoked by Israel's deportation of 415 Palestinians. Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, yesterday ordered an army unit out of the occupied

Gaza Strip after 11 Palestinians were shot and killed in the unrest, Israel radio reported. Israel also told the United Nations that it will not reverse the explusions.

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Tories plan big boost for rented housing

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major's policy-makers are working on reforms to create a new generation of private landlords as part of a strategy to make more homes readily available near areas

with jobs.
Initiatives to revive the private rented sector are being drawn up to encourage a mobile labour force, particularly of young people. Tax concessions and other incen-tives for institutions, such as pension funds, to build or buy property for rent are under consideration.

The policy work, part of the prime minister's drive for a new domestic agenda in 1993, is a recognition that home ownership, the great tenet of the Thatcher administrations, is not the best or

preferred option for many.

The initiatives are unlikely to be ready in time for next spring's Budget, but may be included in the second Bud-get at the end of the year.

Sir George Young, the housing minister, said yesterday: The government is interested in the revival of the private rented sector and is having a series of discussions to see what needs to be done to get respectable money invested in accommodation to rent."

Talks are going on with the institutions to find ways to fill the "yield gap" to make it worthwhile for them to invest in property to rent. Officials from the prime minister's policy unit, the environment department and the Treasury are also involved.

The role of housing associations is to be changed so that, as well as building and renting out homes, they can offer to manage property on behalf of institutional landlords.

The new responsibility will relieve the landlords of the burden of becoming estate managers and dealing directly with tenants. But the Continued on page 2, col 4

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Ready for a rush on high streets and roads

By JENNY KNIGHT

BARGAIN-hunters will throng shopping centres around Britain today as many department stores begin sales that offer a last hope of making up for a disastrous year for retailers.

Bank holiday traffic jams are also expected on main routes as people return home after Christmas. The start of sales at Lakeside shopping centre in Thurrock Essex. threatens to cause heavy con-

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1992 than a good one, particularly the married, middle aged, unemployed and those who live in London and the South East. A much smaller number expect a good year in 1993 than in previous Decembers.

pers does, however, suggest that the worst of this autumn's pessimism about the economic outlook may have passed. That has been matched by a small drop in previously high levels of dissatisfaction with the government and John Major as prime minister, although voting inten-tions have hardly changed over the past

British tank force told not to be 'sitting targets' in Bosnia

IN KISELJAK

BRITISH commanders of

Warrior and Scimitar armbooked on holiday flights to European ski-resorts. Gatwick oured vehicles in Bosnia have been ordered to stop present-Amont reported that more than 32,000 left yesterday, with only minimal delays.

The annual multi-million ing themselves as "sitting targets in the turrer" when travelling through high-risk areas, after two attacks on British troops at the weekend. Lieutenant Justin Freeland. the British officer wounded in a mortar attack on his pected to intensify in the next armoured column, was recovfew days as the market leaders ering last night at a military hospital in Vitez. In another struggle to retain their share. There are more bookings made in January than any incident on Boxing Day a second squadron of Warriors on patrol in central Bosnia came under fire. Three 82 mm mortar rounds were Traffic levels more like those of a weekday rush-hour were reported yesterday on the M25 and the M6. The weafired from Serb-held positions in contravention of a safe passage deal agreed between local commanders and British

> Lieutenant Freeland, 25, of the 9/12 Lancers, was hit in



Freeland: protected by

heavy winter clothes the arm by shrapnel when three mortar bombs landed close to his Scimitar armoured reconnaissance vehicle on Saturday. The lieutenant, who had shrapnel removed from a wound to his right arm, said at first he had not realised he had been hit in the mortar attack, near the disputed en-

Speaking with his camouflage jacket draped around his bandaged arm, he said the mortar bomb that injured him landed just five yards from his Scimitar, while he had his head and shoulders out of the commander's turret. "I got a sharp pain in my right arm. From that moment I knew I had been hit by something."
At first he thought he had just been bruised, but later he felt blood trickling down his arm into his glove.

Lieutenant Freeland said his heavy winter clothing probably protected him from further injury, while his gun-ner next to birn felt shrapnel rattle off his helmet. He endured an agonising six-hour drive on appalling roads to a field hospital, but said he had no intention of returning home to Britain.

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Hunt for sex attack murderer

By JOHN VINCENT

POLICE were last night hunting the killer of 14-year-old Johanna Young, whose body was found in a flooded Nor-folk pit four days after she went missing from home. Her underclothes and jeans had been removed and Detective Superintendent Michael Cole said that she had been sexually assaulted but not raped.

Johanna went missing from her home in Watton, Norfolk, last Wednesday and her body was found in the 7ft-deep pit late on Boxing day. She had been hit on the head. Supt Cole said that police

were hunting a "brutal un-feeling killer" who may have had local knowledge. The girl's parents, Robert and Carol Young, had joined the police hunt over Christmas.

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Glimmer of hope at end of the 1992 tunnel

By PETER RIDDELL **POLITICAL EDITOR**

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MORE people have had a bad year in

The latest Mori poll for Times Newspa-

The annual question about experiences

over the past 12 months shows a sharp drop in those saying they had a good year, down to just over a third compared with about three-fifths during the previous five years. This was exceeded by those saying they had a bad year, now just over two-fifths, after rising steadily since 1987. Men have had a worse year than women, and 45 to 64-year-olds a worse year than those under 35.

The proportion expecting a good year over the next 12 months has dropped to 51 per cent, compared with 63 per cent at the end of 1991. The number expecting a bad year has remained stable at 24 per

Unemployment is expected to continue to rise in the new year by a nine to one margin, while more expect inflation and income tax to rise rather than to decline. Expectations about mortgage interest

rates are in rough balance, while a small margin (28 per cent against 25 per cent) expect a fall rather than a rise in house prices. Twice as many in Scotland expect house prices to rise than in southern England, where only 19 per cent expect them to rise and 30 per cent expect a fall.

Just over a half expect their own

standard of living to remain the same, and nearly three in ten think they will experience a decline, while half that are looking for an increase. The net balance expecting the general

economic condition to improve rather than to get worse over the next 12 months has, however, narrowed from minus 34 points in November to minus 16 points now. That is half the level of August and September and compares with a low point of minus 46 points in Continued on page 2, col 5



BMA fears elderly will be victimised by health reforms

NATIONAL Health Service reforms may make it more difficult for elderly people to obtain specialised hospital treatment, according to the British Medical Association. Its reservations echo those already voiced by other organisations concerned with pa-

The association is unwilling to concede that the elderly are already suffering discrimination, but it says that they are the biggest users of health services and therefore the most vulnerable as hospitals run out of money and are forced to close beds and reduce the number of operations.

For the elderly, there are few grains of comfort to be gained from the knowledge that the NHS is nearly half a century old. The noble idea, conceived during the second world war, that everyone.

TWO elder statesmen of

British politics, who ruled

on opposite sides of the

Commons for much of the

1970s, joined forces yester-

day to advise John Major

where he is going wrong. With the benefit of hind-

sight, Messrs Heath and

Callaghan skated over their

own crises in office with

miners, unemployment and

the economy, and, not without irony, ticked off the prime minister and his team

for their handling of the

In a joint interview on BBC Radio 4 interspersed

with jovial sparring, the

former Conservative and

Labour prime ministers

agreed:

The Major government has an "attitude" problem.

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SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

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Elder statesmen find

unity on prime time

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

regardless of wealth or social to the best medical treatment. is compromised by the economic realities of the nineties. "In what appears to be a renewed funding crisis, it would be totally unacceptable for the admission of patients to specialist treatment to be determined on anything other than clinical grounds," a BMA spokesman said.

An authoritative report published earlier this month suggested that older people faced discrimination in access to coronary care on the grounds of their age alone, and might be placed at a further disadvantage by the health service reforms.

The report, commissioned by the Carnegie Trust. said that overt discrimination could arise if purchasing authorities negotiated separate

While present-day minis-

ters may dismiss the re-

marks as the pontifications

of yesterday's men, both

politicians have clearly lost

none of their mental agility.

even if they displayed a

certain amnesia about their

time in 10 Downing Street.

lated Sir Edward for coming

closer than anybody to clos-

ing a deal with the miners.

forgetting to mention their

terminal damage to the

Heath government. Sir

Edward, in turn, implicitly

criticised Mr Heseltine's

handling of the pit closures,

without mentioning that the

president of the board of

trade was once one of his

own protégés. Lord Callaghan said the

Major government was "ac-

commented: 'The govern-

ment does not know where

it is going, stumbling from

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realising the consequences.

It was much worse than

Sir Edward cited the mis-

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one place to another."

quick on my feet".

Lord Callaghan congratu-

contracts for different age groups. There could be covert discrimination if hospital trusts, operating on a flat rate of payment, designated older people, whose length of stay might be longer than average, as "medically" unsuitable for treatment, when the true criterion was their poorer profit "We fear that fiscal pres-

sures will lead to such age discrimination unless casemix specifications are rigorous and are monitored by specific audit," the report said. Older people should not be offered prosthetic care until all possibilities for therapeutic intervention had been explored.

The authors of the report

referred to the recent Dudley and Burns study in which questionnaires were sent to all 175 consultants in charge of coronary care units in the UK.
Of the 134 who replied, 26
said they operated an agerelated admission policy, with age limits ranging from 65 to 80. A further 46 employed age as a criterion when determining the use of expensive but potentially life-saving throm-bolytic drugs. Toby Harris, director of the

Association of Community Health Councils, said that he had been worried since the start of the changes in the health service that some sort of rationing would be introduced. Although the associ-ation had no direct evidence, the Carnegie report confirmed its fears. "It is important that there should be a proper public debate about who is going to get treatment and who isn't," he said.

Age Concern said that older people should never be denied treatment solely on the grounds of their age. "Before any decision regarding treatment is taken, a full assessof the person's condition, and how beneficial treatment would be, must be made," a spokesman said.

Linda Lamont, director of the Patients' Association, said that age discrimination was something it had been aware of in a number of ways. The difficulties experienced by older people in getting on to waiting lists for operations such as hip replacements had been well publicised, but acand dialysis treatment raised new questions.

carelessness, he said; it was "Do we really mean it when "an attitude of mind". we say we want people to go on Lord Callaghan, when into healthy old age, or is it just chided about the fatal "Crilip service? These are ethical questions which we are going sis, what crisis?" comment attributed to him when to face more and more," she prime minister, conceded said. "I think there will have to that towards the end "I got be careful scrutiny of NHS rather tired and I was not as contracts. This whole rationing problem is going to come home to roost."



End of the line: Alan Freeman signed off yesterday after 32 years of Pick of the Pops

'Fluff' bids a bright farewell to his faithful pop-pickers

By JOE JOSEPH

WITH no fussier a farewell to pop pickers than "All right? Stay bright", Alan Freeman, one of the grand old disc jockeys, signed off for good from his Radio 1 show Pick of the Pops yesterday lunchtime, got out his OAP bus pass and went home. 32 years after first presenting the programme. Freeman, 65, took with him

his crazy catchphrases, includ-ing "Not arf", his curious nickname "Fluff", and his trademark brassy theme tune. which ensured that if your adio started blaring ` deevan. deevan. deevan. deevan. deeyan. deeyan, deeyan. deeyan", deeyan, Fluff was about to call you a

pop-picker. Freeman's longevity in pop proves you didn't really have to die before you got old just to save face: while many peers and captains of industry are much younger than Fluff, he is barely older than many, still successful pop stars whose

Tory boost

for rented

housing

Continued from page 1 change should also prevent

A senior official called the

strategy a logical extension of

Norman (now Lord) Tebbir's

"on yer bike" philosophy. "We

want to make sure that when

someone gets on his or her

bike to go and hunt for a job,

they can find an affordable

home to rent near that job at

Building societies are likely

to be included in the strategy

despite failure to encourage

them to become landlords

rather than evict those who

cannot pay mortgages.

The private rented sector was sidelined under the

Thatcherite priorities of home

ownership and sale of council

homes. About 90 per cent of

homes were rented privately in

the 1900s, contracting to less

than 10 per cent today. This

compares to a vigorous rented

The percentage of homes for

rent in Britain is believed to be

rising, however, as a side-effect

of the recession. Owners who cannot sell their property are

renting it out as a last resort

and, in turn, renting homes. Mr Major's officials are also

working, under pressure from

Southern MPs, on a reshuffle

of regional and urban aid with

the idea of redirecting funds to Tory heartlands in the South-

MP for Hartlepool, comment-

North has disappeared. It

means that the South is begin-

ning to taste what the North

has suffered for many years."

Always a good sign

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the end of their journey.

return to Rachmanism.

records he plugged in the 1960s. Like them, he proved that the bad fail early, but the good age well. He will continue to work for Radio 1, on a Saturday evening rock music programme.

Yesterday's two-hour Pick Of The Pops displayed all the skills that have helped Freeman to keep his career and his crow's feet, while also making his voice as recognisable as those of other radio greats, such as Alistair Cooke, John Arlott and Brian Johnston. continents to work with. Freeman had just the snatches of space between often dire pop

He won the respect of his six million listeners by refusing to play any Des O'Connor or Ken Dodd records and he held their loyalty by turning his weekly show into a mini history lesson on pop music. Songs were often introduced with a rapid-fire rundown on

the singer or details of those who had sung it in the past. Yet he managed to impose his personality on the show, and on the British public, without talking very much, and he seems mute compared to younger DJs, who like to discuss every subject that inter-

Though forced by the pro-

ests them, from A to B.

gramme's format to play certain records - yesterday he was reminiscing over the pop charts from 1961, 1970 and 1982 — he succeeded in conhis opinion on those h rated duds. An anguished scream of "Oh no", followed by the words "Oh yeah" preceded a replay yesterday of Clive Dunn's grim 1970 hit Grandad. "And make no mistake pop-pickers," added Fluff, "it was selling by the million and heading straight for number one. Who came to the rescue? ... Dave Edmunds with I Hear You Knocking. Not arf."

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Eleven die on roads over holiday weekend

At least 11 people were killed in road accidents over the weekend, including a man hit by a car on Boxing day as he walked along a dark road where six years earlier a similar accident had left him disabled and epileptic. The car failed to stop after hitting Michael Sandford, 31, on the A39 near

his home in Dunster, Somerset.
Other victims included a couple in their twenties who died in a head-on crash at Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, a man aged 33 who was killed after being knocked down on a pedestrian crossing in Leeds and a driver from Highgate, north London, who died when his car swerved off the road at Weybridge, Surrey, and crashed into a tree. Frank Tournier, 72, of Bridport, Dorset, was knocked down and killed while crossing the eastbound carriageway of the A35 between

Bombs end IRA truce

Londonderry ended the IRA's Christmas truce in Northern Ireland in the early hours of yesterday. There were no reports of injuries and damage was not thought to be serious. Security services waited until first light to investigate damage at the city's Rosemount police station. The bombs had been thrown half an hour after midnight at the end of Boxing day, the deadline given by the IRA as the end of the temporary respite in attacks in the province.

Roadworks rationed

New rules to try to reduce the five million holes dug in roads each year are introduced this week. Cases of the same stretch of road being dug up should decrease under the Roads and Street Works Act. Local authorities will have to work with gas, electricity and water companies to coordinate roadworks. The act provides for fewer roadworks and requires that they are supervised, lit and repaired.

Fatal chainsaw accident

A man bled to death in front of his wife after accidentally A man detail to death in front of his whe after accidentally severing the artery in his left thigh with a chainsaw. George Ankers, 36, was cutting pallets for firewood on Boxing day night in the back yard of his remote cottage at Waddingham, Lincolnshire. His wife diallet 999 and an emergency services doctor arrived within 10 minutes but Mr Ankers was pronounced dead at home.

Hotel owner stabbed

The new owner of a seafront hotel on the Isle of Wight was stabbed to death early yesterday. Police, who were called to the Metropole Hotel at Ventnor just before 2am, found James Savva. 43, bleeding from three stab wounds to his chest. Police said the attack, which happened after Mr Savva called last orders, seemed to be over a woman and had a domestic background. A man in his 20s is being questioned.

Comedian dies at 75

The comedian Cardew Robinson, right, has died aged 75. He was admitted to Queen Mary's Hospital in Roehampton, southwest London earlier this month suffering from a bowel infection. He was perhaps best known for his character Cardew the Cad - an overgrown schoolboy. His last Shirley Valentine, shown on television on Christmas day. Obituary, page 13



175,000 job losses

Labour launched its unemployment initiative yesterday with a survey showing that nearly 175,000 redundancies had been announced since the Conservatives returned to power. London and the South East were the worst affected. Labour also says 1993 will see nearly one million people under 25 without jobs — what it calls a "wasted generation".

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Tax help for tenants will add new burden to mortgage-trap buyers

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

TAX breaks for providing rented property are on the political agenda because banks, building societies and insurance companies have told the government that they can see no advantage in investing in the rented sector.

Sir George Young, the housing minister, had a series of meetings with major financial institutions in the summer in an attempt to persuade them of the virtues of the rented sector. Many felt afterwards that the meetings crystallised the drawbacks of becoming landlords without

offering any advantages.

Any tax incentive, if effective in expanding the rental sector, could provide another blow to the hundreds of thousands of first-time buyers who have bought studio and one bed-room flats in the past few years. Those in the South East are often trapped by a mortgage that is higher than the

or more. They have no chance of moving and even the recent government initiatives to allow building societies to lend up to £25,000 unsecured do not help them. If the move to renting for young people was established,

the value of the typical firsttime buyer's property could fall even further as the number of potential buyers was reduced. Those choosing to buy after ten years or so of renting would be likely to move straight to a family-sized property, as in western Germany, where 45 per cent of homes are in privately rented. .

A move to renting is vital if the country's workforce is to be able to move for jobs or promotion. When property prices were rising young people could easily sell and the profit on the property would cover the costs of estate agents

value of the property. In some and solicitors. Since the aucases the shortfall is £40,000 turns of 1988 the housing market has been stagnant. Several employers have stopped taking on properties

from employees they are transferring from one part of the country to another because they could not sell them and ended up with a declining asset on their books. - Many of those made redun-

dant have managed to move only because they have rented out their home to cover the mortgage and rented another property. That has expanded the rental market in the South East and other areas. For the past few years it has been cheaper to rent than buy in many parts of the country. In London, rents have fallen to as low as 6 per cent of a property's value.

Mortgage rates come down to 8.5 per cent in January and the first £30,000 of a loan is reduced further by basic rate

tax relief. That tax relief at source is lost for people who rent their homes out. But they can set all the mortgage interest costs — not just the first £30,000 - against the rental income at the end of the financial year.

The previous attempt to help the rental sector will soon come to an end. Assured tenancy business expansion schemes will have to stop funding new properties for rental after the end of 1993. The schemes have been available since the autumn of 1988, giving individual investors the chance to put up to £40,000 a year into the property market at only £24,000 for a higher rate taxpayer. This is because investments attract tax relief at the investor's highest rate. In addition, any gains are free of capital gains tax. Hundreds of millions of pounds are invested in

the schemes each year. The new type of assured tenancies also tend to have a guarantee to investors that a housing association or the lender will buy the properties at a fixed price after the fiveyear period of the investment.
That is largely because the early investors in the schemes will see their investments mature next year and will in many cases see large losses. Homeowners are also being encouraged to rent out rooms. Earlier this year the govern-ment announced that homeowners could rent out rooms and earn up to £65 a week and not pay any tax on the income. While intended to boost the rental market, the initiative to some extent only legalised the existing lodgers that had not been declared to the taxman.

Hopes dwindle for a good 1993

Continued from page 1 October. The current rating is similar to a year ago and reflects a marked deterioration since the optimistic period around the time of the April general election, when the net

east hit by the recession. Peter Mandelson, Labour balance was plus 21 points. Labour has retained its ed vesterday: "Just because the South is experiencing high but new levels of unemployment does not mean to say that poverty and hardship in the large lead over the Tories in voting intentions, at 47 per cent against 34 per cent, the same as in November. The per cent. This is after excluding 15 percent of don't knows. The Labour lead is largest among those aged under 24.

those living in the North and Scotland, among council ten-ants and those who do not read newspapers.

John Smith, however, still enjoys only a small favourable

rating. After press criticism of his record as Labour leader, his rating (satisfied less dissatisfied) has slipped, for the second month in succession, to plus 4 points, against plus 12 points in November.

The standing of Mr Major and his government has picked up slightly from the low levels of earlier in the autumn. The government's rating is

now minus 64 points, against minus 70 points a month ago, although just over a half of Tory supporters are dissatisfied Mr Major's standing is now minus 36 points, compared with minus 44 points previously.

Mori interviewed a represen-tative quota sample of 1.832 adults aged 18 plus at 143 constituency sampling points across Britain. Interviews were conducted face-to-face on De-cember 11 to 15. Data were weighted to match the profile

of the population.

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Missing girl, 14, is found murdered in water-filled pit

By JOHN VINCENT

A ROUTINE search for a girl missing from home turned into a murder hunt yesterday after her partially clothed body was found in a water-filled pit. Johanna Young, 14, had been hit on the back of the head and had been sexually assaulted, police said. Johanna had left her home in Watton, Norfolk, on Wed-

nesday evening and was last seen outside a fish and chip shop in the high street about 8pm. Her parents, Robert and Carol Young, joined the police search, believing that she had made a spur-of-the-moment decision to go away after a recent break-up with her boy friend. At first police were concerned for her safety primarily because of the cold and

had no reason to fear that she had been abducted or killed. On Boxing day, after a police search of woods and isloated farm buildings, her body, minus jeans and underclothing, was found in a pit a mile from her home. Det Supt Michael Cole, leading the murder enquiry, said that she had been hit on the head before being dumped. "The indications are that she was sexually assaulted, although there is no evidence of rape." he said. "The man who did this was a brutal, unfeeling

He added that a man walk-ing his dog had found Johanna's trainers neatly placed side by side in a hedgerow 400 yards from the body. Her underclothes were in the road 200 yards away. Her jeans were still missing. A



Johanna: last seen on Wednesday night

police dog later found the body in the 7ft pit, down a muddy cul-de-sac often used by courting couples, suggest-ing to detectives that the killer may have known the area. The body was recovered by police divers on Saturday

Johanna's former boy-friend, Ryan Firman, 17, with whom she had been going out for four months before breakbefore her disappearance, had provided police with background information and helped in the search.

Mr Young, 40, said of his daughter: "The last time I saw her she was bubbly and full of life. She had no cares. She had no enemies in the world—she was such a happy, friendly girl. The last few days have been absolute hell for us. We began to get worried about her on Thursday morning when she did not turn up

to do her paper round."

Her grandfather, Stanley Young, said: "She is one of 13 granddaughters and although we didn't see a lot of her, we loved her. You see this sort of thing on television and it doesn't mean much, but when it is one of your own your mind is in turmoil."

The murder is the latest in a string of attacks and disappearances in Norfolk - many unsolved - since Easter, 1969, when a bicycle belonging to April Fabb, 13, was found undamaged in a field near her home at Cromer. She has never been traced. Five months later, Steven Newing, 11, vanished outside his home in Fakenham.

Susan Long, 17, was found strangled and sexually assaulted at Ayisham in 1970 and four years later the headless body of a woman in a night-dress was dumped at Swaffham. In the same month, Pamela Exall, 21, vanished on a camping holiday at Snettisham. In 1977, the partly clothed body of Heidi Reddin, 14, was found in a water-filled ditch two miles from her home at

Three months ago, Natalie Pearman, a prostitute aged 16, was murdered and dumped in woodland near

Orkney truce offered

By Ray Clancy

A spokesman for the council said that the letter had been received but refused to comment further or to say whether a reply was being considered.



Best steps for a hangover may be across fields

By JOHN YOUNG

THE countryside and the open spaces are not just for summer. Townees faced with days of leisure until the new year could cure hangovers by stretching their limbs and opening their lungs to a dose of fresh air.

To start with, there is the old standby: a good walk. Given a bright, frosty day the countryside in winter offers clear, uninterrupted views across bare trees and silent fields. Despite the protests about farmers and landowners blocking rights of way, there are thousands of miles of well marked footpaths and bridleways. There is no need to drive to the coast or a national park; most county councils produce guidebooks and leafiets on local walks.

For those reluctant to trust their own navigation, the National Trust and the Ramblers' Association have joined in organising guided walks in Wessex over the holidays. Meeting points include Stourhead, Wiltshire, 10.30am tomorrow; Corfe Castle,

Dorset, 11am on Wednesday; Wookey Hole, Somerset, 11 am on Wednesday: Lambert's Castle, Dorset, I am on Friday; and Lacock, Wiltshire, 1 lam on Saturday.

For the more energetic, there are New Year's day road races. Serious competitors need to train but there is usually nothing to stop the bystander joining in for a mile or two at the back of the pack. Details can be found in Athletics Weekly and Athletics Today. For would-be cyclists and horseriders local newspaper and magazine advertisements will direct you to hire shops and livery stables. For the less landbound the Amateur Swimming Association's Aquafit programme operates at most local authority pools. and consists of continuous swimming and exercises in water for between 30 and 45 minutes.

Field sports should not be embarked upon casually as a means of working off Christmas avoirdupois, although following the hunt can be an exhilarating experience. Forthcoming meets are listed in Horse and Hound.

48 prison rioters likely | Clarke cracks down on tearaways

to face mutiny charges By Richard Ford, home correspondent

emphasis has been placed on

punishment within the community. In 1990, 90 per cent of boys aged 10-13 found guilty or cautioned for indictable offences in England and Wales were cautioned, 69 per cent of those aged 14-16, and 21 per cent aged 17-20.

of children were committing a large number of crimes.

Prison Reform Trust figures show that the minimum age for imprisonment in angland and Wales is similar to other European countries. In England and Wales it is 15, the same as in Denmark and Sweden. It is 14 in Italy and 16 in Holland.

Tour firms cut prices to woo early bookers

By HARVEY ELLIOTT

THE seasonal battle to entice potential holidaymakers into travel agencies will reach a climax over the next few days with a multi-million-pound television advertising bom-bardment by the three biggest holiday companies. The di-lemma for the customer is whether to take advantage of the reduced prices now or to

see if they come down further. Charles Newbold, managing director of Thomson, the biggest holiday company, is unequivocal. "We have cut the price of one million holidays out of the total number on sale for next summer of about two and a quarter million. When they have gone, the others will be sold at the original price."

The price cuts initiated by Thomson, reducing some package holidays by about £50 and cutting the company's original planned revenue by £50 million, are being increased by a fierce battle among high street travel agents. Each of the big three— Thomson. Owners Abroad and Airtours - have integrated travel organisations with tour operators, airlines and travel agents, each owned by the same parent organisation

or with cross-investment.

Travel agencies normally charge about 10 per cent commission to the tour operator to sell their product, with additional profit generated by selling insurance cover and special deals. Lunn Poly, part of the Thomson group, is virtually forgoing its commission by cutting 10 per cent from the brochure price of every holiday it sells between now and January 2. The move will be matched by Thomas Cook and Pickfords.

Early bookings are of vital importance to travel agents and to tour operators because they not only bring in immediate cash but also enable the firms to predict the year's bookings. About 11 million holidays will be sold this year. Research has shown that 35 per cent are booked within two months of departure, 40 per cent up to six months ahead and 22 per cent more than seven months

Optimistic shops, page

ONE of the mothers at the centre of the child sex abuse allegations in Orkney has offered to drop her court action against the island

council.

Mrs M told the council in writing that she would stop her proceedings in return for a full public apology by New Year's eve. Her offer does not affect the civil action being taken by 18 other individuals connected with the scandal. They are continuing with their claims for compensation after daims for compensation after being vindicated by Lord Clyde's report, published in

"I am trying to free the

logiam and make some kind of progress. I want to drop the civil action and just go for a public retraction and denial," said Mrs M, whose two youn-gest sons were taken from their home on South Ronaldsay in dawn raids in February 1991. Seven children were removed from other homes. Mrs M said that she was making a genuine appeal to the council at a time of year when forgiveness was upper-most in people's minds.

THE riot at Reading remand centre, which ended late on fittings, table-tennis and pool Saturday night, is likely to lead tables were destroyed. The gym was gutted by fire

printers wrecked, and light-

to 48 inmates facing charges of assault, arson and prison after inmates set office furniture alight. Mr Dixon said: "I As police and the governor feel very disappointed. We facilities we could in the cirlence and destruction, prison officers yesterday assessed the cumstances and they just went damage. Trouble erupted on the rampage." There was a when the inmates refused to new offence of prison mutiny carrying a sentence of ten return to their cells at the end of a recreation period. One years, and charges were likely. report suggested the riot was he added.

sparked because they were not allowed to watch The Darling Yesterday it emerged that the Board of Visitors had Buds of May.
Paul Dixon, the governor, warned the Home Office that the building was not suitable for holding young remand prisoners from distant coundescribed the destruction as "wanton vandalism". The rioters occupied a wing at the centre for three hours, smashties. Salma Tognarelli, chairman of the centre's board, said ing furniture and lighting fires before officers in riot gear it was in an unsuitable location "as it is in the centre of stormed into the building and town and has only two exercise regained control. Only 11 yards. We feel strongly that young prisoners need to get rid of their pent-up energy officers had been on duty to control the 128 immates in the centre and staff were forced to with lots of exercise".

The riot ended when up to 150 officers from the centre trouble began. At one point, four inmates seized a van and and 11 other prison service tried to break out by ramming centres retook control. Three were taken to hospital with in-Rioters caused extensive dejuries suffered in clashes with struction to the gymnasium, inmates. Forty inmates who recreation centre, and educadid not want to be involved in tion department. Televisions the riot gave themselves up to were smashed, washbasins police and were taken to Reading police station. ripped out, computers and

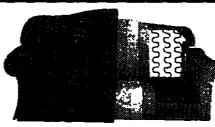
A NETWORK of secure units for persistent young offenders is being considered by the Home Office (Richard Ford

Kenneth Clarke is anxious to act against a small group of hard-core offenders who, he believes, must be restrained through a tough regime that also offers affection. The move follows a decade in which

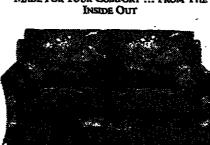
Three months ago Mr Clarke signalled his unhappiness with the results of this strategy, telling the Conservative party that a small number

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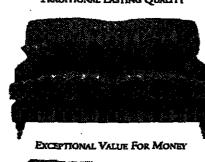
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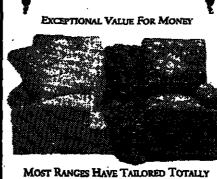


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British chess celebrates remarkable year

By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

AS THE chess community gathers today for the Has-tings international tournament, the traditional climax to the chess year in the UK, it will be looking back on 12 months which have been re-markable for the game world-wide and in Britain in particular.

In 1992 Michael Adams, 21, the grandmaster from Truro, notched up two of the greatest tournament successes of his career, in competitions in Brussels and in the Dutch town of Tilburg earning a total of £80,000 in prize money — a British all-time

England, recovering from the shock of having to face a horde of newly created ex-Soviet republics at the Manila chess Olympics in the summer, went on to take the bronze medals at the European team championship at Debrecen in Hungary, behind only Russia and Ukraine. The heroes were Michael Adams and Nigel Short, En-

gland's hest ever player. Short has confirmed his place in chess history. In April he overcame the former Soviet world champion Anatoly Karpov in their



Polgar and Bareev practise en route to Hastings

has pushed Short into the final of the world championship qualifying competition.
On January 10 he will play
out this final match in Madrid against the Dutchman Jan Timman, and if Short wins he will go on to challenge the world champion Gary Kasparov. Even if Short loses. he will already be assured of

earning £1 million in prize

withdraw from the wing as the

a security gate.

Kasparov has shown himself a most worthy and indeed outstanding world champion In the new-year ranking list issued by the World Chess Federation he has broken his previous ratings record of 2,800, advancing his new rating to 2,805 points. In the

history of chess the only other player to have come close to this is Bobby Fischer, who reached 2,785 points in 1972. This year was also notable for the return of Fischer in a match carrying a world-record purse against his old foe Boris Spassky, held in the former Yugoslavia. Fischer triumphed by ten wins to five and earned himself the winner's slice of the purse - over The Hastings event, founded in 1895, is the oldest

traditional tournament in the world. This year's event is an élite contest for eight players run on a double-round format and the main attraction is Judit Polgar, 16, the prodigy from Hungary. Polgar broke Bobby Fischer's record, which had stood since 1958, by becoming the youngest

The line-up facing ber includes last year's winner. Evgeny Bareev from Moscow, and British grandmasters Jon Speelman and John Nunn. Perhaps the most exciting prospect for British chess at Hastings is our own prodigy Matthew Sadler, 18, from Rochester, who has challenged Polgar in the past and, with a good result, could become Britain's youngest grandmaster. Hastings continnes until January 13.

Murder of captain prompts warning on high seas piracy

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE body of a British sea captain murdered by pirates in the South China Sea has been flown home for burial as the government moved to issue a written piracy warning, the first in modern maritime

Captain John Bashforth. 45, of Hathersage, north Derbyshire, was shot in the head after refusing to hand over money when his ship, the Baltimar Zephir, was boarded on December 11 by five men as it sailed off Indonesia with a

cargo of mining equipment.

Captain Bashforth will be buried at his parish church. said his younger brother, Bob Bashforth, a Chesterfield solicitor. He said: "My brother is the sort of guy to grit his teeth and tell them to go jump in the sea. He was utterly devoted to duty. I don't think he could have handed anything over on the ship and live with his conscience, but unfortunately it cost him his life."

Captain Bashforth joined the merchant service at 17 and rose through the ranks to captain by his mid-thirties. His first officer, a Filipino, was also killed in what is thought to be the ninety-third pirate attack this year.

Seventy-five of the raids on merchant ships were in Asian waters and 53 of these were off Indonesia, according to the the regional anti-piracy centre at the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur, established by the International Maritime Bureau in October.

The written government warning to be made early in the new year by the transport department is expected to advise on how to reduce the risk of attack through high-profile deck patrols, with searchlights at night, and to stress the importance of complying with pirates' demands once measures to deter them

from boarding have failed. The government will also advise masters to contact search and rescue co-ordination centres such as the British coastguard system and sail immediately to the nearest port for forensic science examination of their vessels and

The government is to pro-

Although modern pirates use the latest technology to find victims, their violence matches that of their predecessors

mote collaboration with other crime division of the Internaseafaring nations within the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), the United Nations agency responsible for safe shipping, but has rejected calls in the House of Lords earlier this year for an international naval force under the auspices of the UN. Although few of the victims are British-registered ships, a high proportion of the crews is

Circumstantial evidence indicates that some of the pirates, who operate by night with advanced maritime technology in fast launches, are gamekeepers turned poachers. They are alleged to include some Indonesian servicemen



Steer clear pirates who kill to steal

and customs officers, sometimes still in uniform, who have abandoned the traditional Blackbeard cutlass for M16 rifles to launch attacks in the busy shipping lanes approaching Singapore harbour, especially in the vicinity of Bintan

Royal Navy warships are on alert for piracy but cannot intervene within 12-mile terri-

The government's moves coincide with a growing determination on the part of agencies such as by the International Shipping Federation (ISF), which represents the employers, and the International Maritime Bureau (IMB), the specialist antitional Chamber of Commerce,

to eliminate piracy. Representatives of the two bodies will be among a task-force summoned by the IMO to Singapore for an into piracy

in February.

Meanwhile a meeting will be held in London on January 14 to discuss the enquiry's terms of reference which may include recourse to a convoy system for shipping.

David Dearsley, secretary of the ISF, said: The murder of Captain Bashforth is particularly worrying because of the degree of violence involved. There are two ways of tackling piracy. The first is a diplomatic initiative. Piracy has got to be tackled with the administrations at the source of the problem. That means essentially embarrassing governments where it is necessary. Indonesia is poor at policing its own waters. The other thing is to give practical advice on what to do to make it more difficult for pirates to get on

Meanwhile Eric Ellen, director of the IMB, spoke against the arming of crews and argued instead for sophisticated training of seamen and their officers:

"It's no good turning ships into battlefields. You may have a firearm and the next thing is that the pirates come on board with bazookas. The trouble is that a seaman doesn't know how to handle the situation when someone puts a gun in his mouth and says 'I'm going to blow your head off."

A spokesman for Numast, the merchant navy officers union, described Captain Bashforth's death as a tragedy waiting to happen and said: Pirate attacks in this part of the world are often carried out with absolute military precision. Some are by ex-military and some certainly are by current naval personnel working freelance. There is a dire lack of law enforcement in this area and Captain Bashforth paid dearly for this."





Baroque grandeur: Stoneleigh Abbey, whose front was built in the 1720s, is to be bought by Kit Martin, left

Stoneleigh Abbey finds a saviour

By MARCUS BINNEY, ARCHITECTURE CORRESPONDENT

KIT MARTIN, the Sir Galahad of the distressed country house, is to acquire and restore Stoneleigh Abbey, the grandest Georgian mansion in Warwickshire. Mr Martin has restored eight such ancestral seats in the past 12 years and recently purchased another vast barroque house, Burley-on-the-Hill.

Under Mr Martin's scheme the main state rooms at Stoneleigh will be reopened to the public and the rest of the abbey, its stables and outbuildings will be adapted as individual houses for 35 fam-

Lady Leigh, whose hus-band's family have owned Stoneleigh since the 16th century, said: This will breathe life back into a sleeping giant. The house was vested in a preservation trust. but there simply wasn't enough money to go on opening and maintaining it."

Mr Martin said: "I have long been looking for a house where I could show that residential conversion could go hand in hand with public access. The cost of proper endowments for the National Trust, or any trust, is now so great that alternative solutions must be found."

The baroque front of Stoneleigh is a colossus, four storeys high and 15 windows wide and was built for the Leighs in the 1720s to the designs of the master builder Francis Smith of Warwick. Smith retained much of the Elizabethan house as well as the handsome 14th century abbey gateway. When Jane Austen visited in 1806 she the new part of the house and

ones) in the old". Mr Martin plans for the main state rooms, with magnificent panelling and plasterwork, to be preserved with their furniture and opened by the preservation trust, and for the upper floors and ranges around the courtyard to be converted and sold on 125-

a great many (some very good

The abbey's recent history has been a chapter of misfor-tunes. In 1960, a fire started

IT WAS certainly a Christmas

we left Southampton. Robert

having arranged some tinned

chickens, a gift from William

Grant & Sons, of Glasgow.

The atmosphere became more

festive as telex messages arri-

ved for everyone and we all

The radio char-show with

the rest of the fleet was full of

greetings to and from all, plus

the occasional carol with up-

dated words. Most topical of

all were references to rigging

failures and wishes for a new

mast for British Steel II. The

best news was that she had

made a rendezvous with a ship

to take on enough fuel to reach

booked calls home.

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experience.

in the guildhall, spread through the upper floors and destroyed the roof. Although the state rooms survived relatively undamaged, restoration began only in 1982, after the establishment of a preservation trust on the late Lord

Leigh's death in 1979. Furniture had to be sold to raise funds for restoration. Modern offices created in the upper floors failed to attract a single tenant in ten years. Stoneleigh was eventually forced to close its doors to the public. Recently the huge battlemented stables of Regency date have started to

Mr Martin said: "The scheme will provide sufficient funds for all necessary repairs to the abbey and estate buildings, including the wall gar-dens and follies. We will construct 20 new houses on the site of ugly modern barns." Part of the stables will be let to a nearby polo ground. Lady Leigh approached Mr Martin after plans to convert

Force seven makes for an up

and down sort of Christmas

the abbey into a hotel fell through. Now a hotel is to be built at a distance from the

roaming **Britain** By Julia Llewellyn Smith IF you go down to the woods today, working off your Christmas pudding, you may be in for a big surprise. Experts say that strange cat-like creatures spotted in all corners of the British Isles are almost certainly pumas and lynxes that

have escaped from captivity.

and not the figment of an imagination that has seen one

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festive sherry too many. Wildcats have been spotted over the past 12 months in places as far apart as the Peak District, Bodmin Moor in Cornwall, Merthyr Tydfil in Mid Glamorgan and Hampstead, north London. The sightings have become so common that experts are taking them seriously. Dr Paul Shuker, zoologist and author of Mysterious Cats of the World, said yesterday: "There is little doubt that there are quite a few British wildcats roaming the countryside."

As proof, Dr Shuker shares his West Bromwich home with a stuffed jungle cat that was run down in Ludlow, Shrop-shire, in 1989. Normally such cats are found in the Middle East and Asia. "The cat had been living in the wild, having escaped from some zoo that the authorities will not name. It is perfectly preserved," he said. Another jungle cat was run over and killed in Hampshire in 1988.

Britain has only one native wild feline, the Scottish wildcat, which is also the only protected species. The official line on sightings of other cats is almost invariably that they are misidentified dogs. Dr Shuker disagrees. "The police haven't got the opportunity to investigate fully. And the cat has all the advantages, because it knows the terrain well and is very elusive. It is only when one is killed or trapped that we can prove they

According to Dr Shuker, taxidermists who have examined hairs left by the Beast of Exmoor, the cat-like animal that has killed hundreds of sheep in the West Country since 1983, have identified them as belonging to pumas sightings across the moors is said to follow the paths of deer

The Dangerous Wild Animals Act of 1976 put severe restrictions on the keeping of wild animals. Owners must pay a substantial annual licence to keep a wildcat. Unlicensed cats who escape from small private collections are therefore unlikely to be reported to the authorities.

Pumas and lynxes inhabit the polar regions and can easily adapt to the British dimate, though they should be approached with care. Despite having plenty of suitable prey at their disposal, such as deer and rabbits, they are likely to

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We arranged our own carol service, led by Brian, who had written out the hymn sheets from memory, apart from missing out a complete line from Hark, the Herald Angels Sing. During this the wind piped up and a second reef

New Zealand.

followed by a nip of sherry all round, provided by Sam. Sam and Robert were our chefs for the day and took it in turns to prepare stuffing two varieties, one with haggis - and croquette potatoes. My

was put in the mainsail.

Celebrations had a to remember, in the middle of an ocean with the nearest strange but people 160 miles away, and a force seven wind blowing with memorable feel for the crews in the We were probably the last people to celebrate, being so close to the international date British Steel Challenge round the world race. line, but not so close as to lose Christmas day altogether, which would have been a real Vivien Cherry, skipper of Coopers shame, although a novel පි Lybrand, reports The planning began before

> the mince pies, using the still half-full sherry bottle as a rolling pin and the top of a jam pot to cut the pastry. The flavour was about right, but whenever I make them they ooze juice and filling all over the oven. We continued sailing all

day, changing constantly to the most favoured tack so that, just when the galley was organised for cooking uphill it switched to downhill. This caused a couple of cupboards to open untowardly. Flying food, mugs and dishes added another dimension to the complex obstacle course and caused a few more bruised

We made an effort to decorate the saloon with balloons, Christmas cards, a six-inch tree given to us by Coopers & Lybrand, and copious use of

Dinner took place in two sittings to keep enough food hot at any one time. Soup was followed by chicken and the traditional pudding, the lurching of the boat ensuring that it was doused with extra brandy

to set it alight.



drink went straight to most people's heads and the silly games began. Presents were thin on the ground and I for one would have really approciated the good old regulars: socks and gloves, preferably warm, thick ones. At home they are the sort of present I buy when I am lost for other ideas; in future I will cherish such gifts just by remembering this very different Christmas.

Coopers & Lybrand's Rio office had given each of us & piece of gemstone; mine was black tourmaline, or school the metaphysical properties of which are said said to offer personal protection against negative energies, and to help to support spiritual conscious ness under obscure and adverse conditions.

How very appropriate. This lovely, thoughtful gesture was much appreciated by everyone.

We now have fewer than' 1.700 miles to go to Hobert. Tasmania, and everyone is in great spirits. Christmas was a truly strange and memorable day, one never likely to be repeated and certainly next

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A Community open for business means opportunity for some, redundancy for others

Europe stands at border of a year free from barriers

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

AS EUROPE'S citizens return to their offices this week. small bands of business leaders, visionaries and Eurocrats across the EC are gathering wood for fires. As the year ends, a chain of beacons across Europe will signify the end of a six-year bonfire of the boundaries.

December 31 marks the deadline of the European Community's sprawling programme to end restrictions on the free movement inside 12 states of anything from widgets to wombats. Europe, as the trade department's consciousness-raising television ads of the mid-1980s used to

say, is open for business.

Up to a point. Even the most starry-eyed idealists admit that "1992" is a process, not an event, and their unfinished business to be tidied up. Many hindrances have already gone money sloshes around Europe's financial markets as fast as the dealers can move currencies round their computer screens. We buy French, Italian and German foods and load them into Peugeots and Fiats to take them back to a home mortgaged by a company in Frankfurt.

Some frontiers will still stand on Friday. Few airports have been converted to borderless travel for EC passengers and Britain is locked in a dispute with its partners over whether EC citizens have to wave their passports at immigration officers. Dutyfree shops survive for four more years, although their raison d'être vanishes on Jan-

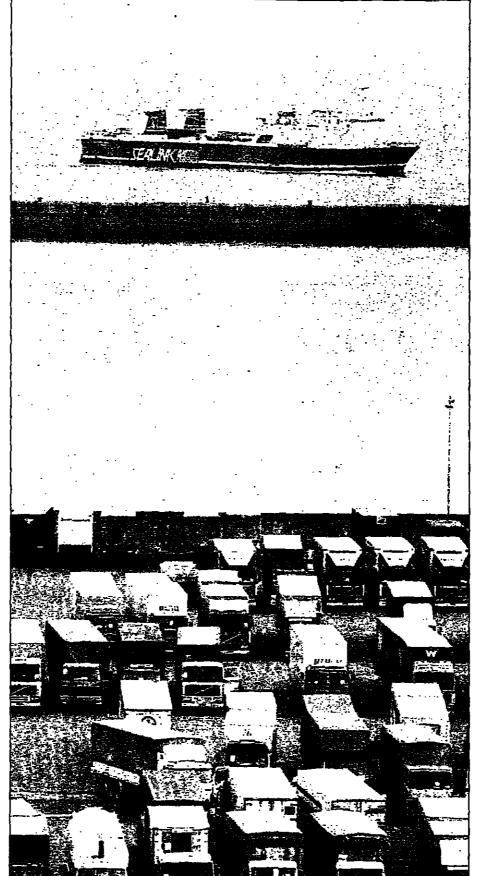
The single market programme followed the pattern of the EC's success stories. A small handful of men and women develop a visionary plan to fulfil an original objective decades behind schedule, which at first attracts little attention anywhere and none at all in Britain. But the idea develops unstoppable political momentum. Its success inspires other states outside the EC to join in. Lastly, and crucially, the entire scheme fits wider trends in the world outside.

Jacques Delors and Lord Cockfield, the Commission's single market planner, set a deadline, skilfully simplified and repackaged the legal framework and seized imaginations from Sicily to Shetland.

Lord Cockfield quickly grasped that the single market programme was not confined to loosening trade barriers, a deduction for which he was never forgiven by Baroness Thatcher. Encouraging deep economic integration would pull businesses towards a common or single currency and political integration. True free movement of people meant aligning rules on education and professional qualification, improving language teaching and other measures of social integration a long way distant from free trade

Neither federalists nor free traders saw their prescriptions fulfilled. During 1992 the EC has strengthened the protectionist fence of tariffs and

M Delors and his followers have likewise been disappointed. The politicians have produced the tortuous compromise of the Maastricht treaty and discovered that even that step forward is too far for many voters. The divisions over this only illustrate what made the 1992 vision so successful. Its architects concentrated on economics, where EC integration has been relatively successful, and not on politics, where results have been slow and messy. The architects laid out the playing field but did not try to



Ready to go: lorries at Dover awaiting embarkation on ferries to the Continent

Jobs tumble over the edge of Dover's white cliffs

FIREWORK parties and certificates to welcome what Dover Harbour Board describes as the dawn of a new era have been arranged in the town to mark the opening of Europe's internal frontiers.

The festivities will be shortlived in Britain's principal port for trade and traffic with the Continent. Mass unemployment looms as a consequence of what is happening and there are fears that without generous govern-ment aid the area will become one of the most depressed in Britain as the European Community's internal borders are abolished.

Unemployment in east Kent is already higher than in Scotland or Wales. "It is just a sick joke around here to talk of the prosperous South East," according to Dover Chamber of Commerce. Christopher Jackson, the MEP for Kent East, was met with an almost silent reception at the chamber's Christmas dinner when he gave a speech welcoming the "new

Opening the frontiers means that the jobs of 1,300 customs brokers have been eliminated overnight. Already 400 customs officers have had to be given early retirement or redeployed. Another 150 lose their posts from January 1. The frontier formalities have required staff and services which have been worth £30 million a year to the local economy. Now that money is gone, traders are facing a bleak future.

The imminent completion of the Channel tunnel is adding to the gloom. At its peak, the construction site created 8,000 jobs but these are being cut. When the tunnel opens, the ferries and related companies will face inevitable cuts even though they have already shed nearly half their crews over the past three or four years.

According to the East Kent Initiative, set up 18 months ago to confront these problems: "Together with the abolition of frontier controls, the impact [of the tunnel] will be the equivalent to the closure of a steelworks such as Corby or Consett. Throughout east Kent the economy is fragile and unemployment levels are high ... The one stronger area, Dover, is now threatened with major job losses over the next few years. The

existing situation is poor and

the outlook worse." The Dover Harbour Board boasts that it handles one sailing every 20 minutes, day and night, and that it handles 21 per cent of Britain's foreign trade. The 16 million passengers passing through make it the busiest terminal in the world, with 2.4 million cars, 126,000 coaches and over a million lorries processed annually by a staff of 800. The customs clearance companies shift freight through the docks with scarcely more than a five-

any comparable EC border.

Martin Hemmingway, the general manager of the East Kent Initiative, speaks frankly. "Viewed from here, the start of the single market is not a joyful day. When you see people who do their job more efficiently than anyone else in Europe being put out of work, you can't help but be gloomy."
A second survey this year

minute delay, a record which.

they boast, is better than on

by the Canterbury Business School at Kent University has concluded that the mood of companies working in the field of customs clearance has become defeatist since March. It said: "They are effectively becoming resigned to their fate."

Most employees in these

companies are under 30 and skilled in the use of computers and at least half speak one or more foreign languages. Few have worked long enough to obtain enough redundancy money to set up their own businesses and comparable work does not exist in Dover, which has been a one-industry town centred on the port for

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tracksuit man sought over rape

Detectives hunting the rapist of a 14-year-old girl in co. Durham want to speak to a track-suited man. They believe that he was the last person to see the victim before she was attacked.

The girl was delivering newspapers in her village when she was attacked at 8am on December 19. Police said a reward offered for an arrest and conviction had risen to £14,000 after a donation from the car-dealer Sir Tom Cowie. who lives near the village.

Det Chief Inspector Max Currah said: "It is imperative that I speak to a man seen in the area wearing a dark track-suit with a peppermint-green stripe." The man is described as aged between 17 and early 20s, about 5ft 9in tall, with black or brown straight hair.

End of line

Leatherslade farmhouse, near Oakley, Buckinghamshire. the hide-out of the Great Train Robbers in 1963, is to be demolished. Planners have given the owner permission to build a house on the site.

Man set on fire

Mohammed Sadiq, 30, a used car dealer, is seriously ill in hospital after being discovered alight on Saturday evening behind his parents' home in the Almondbury area of Huddersfield. Police wish to question a man who called at the house a short time beforehand.

Lone challenge

Tom McNally, 49, from Liverpool, sailed past Cape St Vin-ent in his 5ft 4½ in craft to try to beat a 24-year-old record for the smallest boat to cross the Atlantic.

Squirrel bridge

A £50,000 bridge is to be built for a colony of red squirrels when a dual carriageway is built on the Southport-Liverpool road at Ince Blundeli, cutting through a wood.

Bond winners

Winners of weekly premium bond draw: £100,000, number LB 920080, from Glasgow (holding of £75); £50,000, 10SP 923498, Edinburgh (£100); £25,000, 34BN 664722, Lincoln (£3,007).

Clowns find old and new ways to make 'em laugh

THE traditional British circus is under siege. The first female clown to perform here made her debut this Christmas and a circus school has started to entertain party-goers with a 'Techno Circus".

Steven Taylor, co-founder of the Kent Circus School, and his performing troupe regularly provide entertainment at parties all over Britain. "We are promoting the energy and vitality of the circus. We juggle, do acrobatics and pole spinning on a stage. The music and lights of the party are integrated into our show — it's becoming very popular."

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Mr Taylor says the tradi-tional circus is in decline. Gerry Cottle, whose show opened at Wembley on Christmas eve, disagrees. His circus has all the hardy perennials -animals, trapeze acts, a strongman and clowns. His Christmas ticket sales are up by half

He admits the furore he caused by bringing Baby D.

alias Danise Payne, from America last month put his circus in the spotlight. British clowns picketed her arrival at Heathrow, angry that Mr Cottle had claimed there were only three funny clowns in Britain and dismissed the rest as "unorigi-

nal and prima donnas". Mr Cottle said: "I have no regrets about bringing her here. She is a talented clown, a breath of fresh air, and the publicity has worked both ways." Mr Cottle wants clowns to help promote his circus, which he says many British clowns refuse to do. Last week Baby D entertained children in a hospital and at a school.

Before his recent publicity coup, Mr Cottle had had a bad year. Animal rights cam-paigners protested over his shows and many local authorities have banned his circuses because they fear that he is exploiting animals. He denies the charge and says that his animals are well cared for. During the mid-1980s he bowed to pressure and stopped using animals in his shows, but ticket sales fell and

they were re-introduced.

Malcolm Clay, of the Association of Circus Proprietors of Great Britain, says conventional circuses are the most successful: "Those without the traditional elements, particularly animals, are struggling. The public do like to see animals if they are happy and content, and don't like to see them do intricate tricks. The non-animal circuses are probably interesting for only half

Mr Clay agrees with Mr Cottle's views about British clowns, of which there are only about 12 full-time professionals and 400 "weekenders". He says: "There are some furnny British clowns and some terrible ones. Some have no originality of thought. People want excitement from the circus, a thrill, and that's what has kept them coming back for more than 200 years."



That's show business: Dingle Fingle backstage at Gerry Cottle's Wembley circus,

The way it isn't



January 1: Madonna shocks the world with a new book, PEX, in which she advocates kissing on the cheek. At the launch party, she appears fully clothed, passing unrecognised through the crowd. January 5: Norman Tebbit Lama. "Isn't it about time this absurd little man wore something half-way decent and went out and got a proper job rather than telling us all how we should run our lives?" he says, adding: "If this is what Maastricht means, then count me out." January 24: Archbishop of Canterbury seeks closer co-operation with atheists.

"We have a lot to learn from them," he insists. "After all, it would be awfully arrogant for us to insist that God definitely existed. Pass the tambourine, there's a love." February 4: a new tape of

the royal family printed by The Sun astounds the world. It reveals them as they have never been heard before, talking to one another quite happily and apparently getting on perfectly well. A palace spokesman claims it is an obvious fake.

February 9: as part of John Birt's attempt to take the BBC upmarket, Eldorado signs up Roland Rat. February 18: award-win-ning artist Damien Hirst draws praise from art critics for his drawing of a human face with two circles for eyes, a triangle for a nose and a curved line for a mouth. "It's his most sophisticated work yet," declares the Saatchi Gal-

exhibit." February 27: Tony Slattery doesn't appear on tele-vision. This could be an end to TV as we know it." comments Michael Grade.

lery. "All it needs now is some cow innards in the corner, and it'll be ready to

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High court challenges Israeli decision to bar aid for deportees

FROM DONNA ABU-NASR IN MARJ AZ-ZAHOUR

ISRAEL'S high court gave the government 72 hours to answer a challenge to a cabinet decision barring humanitar-ian aid through Israeli lines to the 415 Palestinian deportees trapped in no man's land, the justice ministry said. But twice already the court has rejected

legal challenges.
Israel told the United Nations yesterday that it would not back down from its decision to expel the Palestinians. Meanwhile, the men stranded in a now snow-blanketed tent city between Israeli and Lebanese troops received smuggled supplies that eased their food shortage.

The supplies, taken on donkeys across mountain trails, coincided with the arrival in Jerusalem of a United Nations envoy trying to end the ordeal of the men expelled by Israel ten days ago. James Jonah, al, was trying to persuade Israel to take back the deportees or allow humanitarian organisations to provide them

Rabin, the prime minister, and Shimon Peres, the foreign

Gad Ben-Ari, a spokesman for Yitzhak Rabin, said that the expulsion order was "a sovereign decision of Israel. It is a final decision and it is not up for discussion". Israel radio said that Mr Jonah would not be allowed to visit the Palestinians via Israel's self-proclaimed security zone in southern Lebanon.

It could not be determined whether Lebanon would allow him to visit the Palestinians tomorrow. He was expected to meet the Palestinian delegates to the Middle East peace talks before going to the deportees'

camp.

The Palestinians spent the day melting snow gathered in large pots for drinking water, throwing snowballs, exercising to warm up and appealing for the evacuation of a seriously wounded comrade. Earlier, they said they had distributed their last food rations on Saturday and might be able to

days. They cheered when a food-laden donkey entered their makeshift camp about noon carrying dozens of tins of peas, beans and jam as well as cheese and yoghurt, eggs, bread and a skinned calf. Villagers from the central Bekaa Valley, renowned for smuggling goods across the border with neighbouring Syria, also walked through olive groves carrying plastic cannisters full of paraffin for the Palestinians' heaters.

After unloading the supplies into their tent warehouse, the toes and meat using butane gas cylinders apparently smuggled before daylight. Hussein Abu Koweit, the Palestinians' storekeeper, said the supplies were smuggled by

A Lebanese army officer at the Marj az-Zahour checkpoint, three miles north of the camp, said there was no way to prevent smuggling across the chain of mountains overlooking the no man's land abutting Israel's "security zone". He said villagers passing through his checkpoint can transport supplies for their own use and the army has no reason to confiscate them.
Both Lebanon and Israel have refused to let humanitarian organisations take food, water, heating fuel, medicine and other necessities to the

Somali

gunmen

die in raid

on UN

FROM FRANCES KERRY

IN MOGADISHU

TWO Somali gunmen were

killed and several others were

injured during a shoot-out at a

United Nations compound in

north Mogadishu, a spokes-

man for the UN announced

News of Saturday's attack

on a compound housing UN

military observers came as the

city's two rival warlords agreed

to dismantle the "green line"

war boundary dividing the

Somali capital and to halt clan

fighting in and around Moga-

dishu. It coincided with Wash-

ington's plans for the

American-led multinational

humanitarian task force in the

East African country to estab-

lish a firmer presence in the

north of the city and hunt

down heavy weapons in both

man for the UN relief opera-

tion, said men with machine-

guns and rocket-launchers

attacked a compound housing

five UN military observers.

Somali guards returned fire.

The multinational task force

sent assistance in the form of

American F18 jets which flew

over the area. The observers

were evacuated from the com-

pound by Pakistani UN peace-

keepers. The motive for the

attack was not known, Mr

Mawlawi said.

enclave in the north.

parts of Mogadishu.

Farouk Mawlawi,

The men got their last supplies from the Red Cross last Tuesday before Lebanon halted relief aid in an apparent effort to put pressure on Israel to take them back. On Friday, Mr Rabin's government rejected an appeal by the International Committee of the Red Cross to allow humanitarian aid to the deportees via Israeli-controlled south Lebanon. He said aid could be brought in from Beirut. Rafik Hariri, the Leba-



day urged President Bush and Bill Clinton, the US presidentelect, to use their influence with Israel to rescind the mass expulsion order.

said Arajad Zamel, a fellow exile suffering from shrapnel wounds in the jaw, was in a critical condition. "Brother Zamel's wounds are infected and he might lose his lower jaw. We plead with the UN secretary-general to help us in evacuating him to any place, be it Lebanon or Israel. He needs surgery," Dr Farawneh

on Monday by mortar shell-ing from the Israelis or the Israeli-backed South Lebanon his finding to the UN secre-

tary-general".
Two representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organthe mountains past Lebanese checkpoints to visit the depor-tees and talk to their



CAMPAIGNING in Kenya's tribal divisions are likely to give Mr Moi the edge in the first multiparty elections ends elections. A presidential win-

today amid high political tension as the country faces grave economic problems and the threat of inter-tribal warfare. Nearly 1,000 people have died in politically motivated tribal clashes since political pluralism was announced a year ago. Thirty were killed in fighting between opposition groups and supporters of Daniel arap Moi, Kenya's president for the past 14 years. since the race for tomorrow's

elections opened last month. The leading opposition parties a year ago missed the opportunity of combining under the Forum for the (Ford). But Ford split along tribal lines producing Ford-Kenya, led by Jaramogi Oginga Odinga, a Luo, and Ford-Asili, led by Kenneth Manba, a Kikuyu. The other main anti-Moi force is the Democratic party under Mwai Kibaki, a Kikuyu and former vice-president responsible for creating Mr Moi's one-party state who resigned

from the cabinet this year. The

money supply by 40 per cent over the past year and by 75 a 40 per cent drop in tourist running at 30 per cent and is probably nearer 40 per cent.

Four-footed relief: a Palestinian deportee riding a donkey used by smugglers to bring supplies to the 415 Muslims at their makeshift and snow-covered tent camp in no man's land. Both Israel and Lebanon have refused to let through humanitarian aid to the men

ner needs to take over 50 per

cent of votes to avoid a run-off

as well as 25 per cent in five of

Odinga, Kenya's first vice-

president, has accused the

government of printing

money to buy votes. Ford,

along with the Democratic

party and other opposition

groups, has claimed that the

import of Kenyan bank notes

printed by the British currency

Rue, has driven up Kenya's

the eight Kenyan provinces.

After bowing to international political pressure combined

support. President Moi agreed to legalise opposition parties last December. He did so after warning that political freedom would bring chaos to the East African country. This came in the middle of the year in fighting between members of his Kalenjin tribe and others in the Rift Valley, the former "White Highlands". and in the port city of Kisumu on Lake Victoria in which hundreds of people were killed and thousands made homeless when their houses were Opposition groups accused the government of organising

with the aid donors' decision

to cut balance of payments

support (worth £26 million a

month) and other financial

private armies to do its dirty work. These accusations have increased with allegations that George Saitoti, the vice-president, a Masai, has been training men about 100 miles south of Nairobi, and that Nicholas Biwott, a Kalenjin, the former energy and industry minister who Scotland Yard named as a main suspect in the killing of the foreign minister. Robert Ouko, was doing the same in his constituency of Kerio South, about 100 miles northeast of

The very fact that the allegations are being bandied about means that both the opposition and the government are squaring up for what may come to violence," a senior Western diplomat said. Weapons have flooded into Kenya from the civil war in Somalia. Two years ago weap-ons were rare in this country— now an AK47 costs about £65 in Nairobi's back streets.

At least nine of the 188 seats have already been decided in favour of the ruling Kenya African National Union, because opposition candidates were allegedly prevented from registering, and another eight referred to the courts for arbitration after the elections. At least another 22 opposition candidates switched their allegiances to Kanu after registration. Mr Moi's opponents claim that £9,800 has been offered to opposition figures to switch allegiance, but recently withdrew a threat to boycont the elections. Commonwealth observers, led by Judge Telford Georges of Jamaica, have voiced serious reserva-



FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

RUSSIA is offering to put 'orbit satellites. They would be South Africa into space with intercontinental missile launchers made redundant by the Cold war's end. it was

One of South Africa's wilder dreams, at a time when the economy is in deep recession and it faces enormous challenges in repairing the ravages of apartheid, is to have its own satellite programme. According to the Sunday Times of Johannesburg, Russia would provide lift-off power at what is said in space terms to be a bargain price. For just over £5 million, one of its \$\$20 intercontinental missiles would be

back afterwards.

South Africa wants to develop a commercially viable space programme, particularly for communications, weather and geological-survey satellites. Subsidiaries of Armscor, the state arms manufacturer, are

heavily involved in research. The Russian offer was made after talks between Dr Rudolf Gruber, Bonn director of the South African Foundation, a research organisation sponsored by big business, and Professor Y. Solomonov, designer of the SS22 missile.

Muslims kill 18 **Catholics**

Cotabato City: Muslim ban-dits in the Philippines killed 18 Roman Catholic church workers on Christmas Day as they met to discuss the festivities, the army said.

Soldiers were searching for the killers in jungle around Carmen and Pikit, in north Cotabato province Colonel José Valencia said the victims had been holding a meeting in a school in Carmen when the Muslims barged in and opened fire, killing 16. Two others died later. (Reuter)

Peace protest

Vitoria: Thousands of people in this Basque city joined hands in a human chain to reject terrorism. The demonstration, under the slogan "In peace there is room for everybody", was organised by four local pacifist groups. (AP)

Baste: A gunman dressed as Father Christmas and said to be a millionaire's son kidnapped a woman from a villa near here, but was shot by police when his car was stopped. The hostage was unhurt. (AFP)

Fire escape

Sydney: Forty people were rescued after fire trapped them in the upper floors and on the roof of a hotel in Sydney's King's Cross tourist and entertainment district. Four people were hurt. (Reuter)

Poll approved

Niamey: Niger's citizens have voted overwhelmingly in fa-vour of a new constitution that calls for the west African country's first free elections since independence from France in

Five missing

1960. (Reuter)

Bangkok: Five people were still missing after a floating pier at the Menam Hotel overturned and pitched hundreds of party revellers into the fastflowing Chao Phya River here. (Reuter)

Storm survivors

Brisbane: About a dozen people missing since a cyclone struck northern Australia's Cape York peninsula on Christmas Day have been found unharmed. (Reuter)

Tibet talks

Paris: A Tibetan delegation has been set up with a view to meeting Chinese officials in Peking and eventually opening talks on Tibet's future, the Dalai Lama said in an interview published in the Le Monde (AFP)

Art retrieved

Bologna: Italian police have. recovered about 20 drawings. including two by Degas, that were stolen three weeks ago from a museum at Ferrara. The drawings were valued at Eo.3 million. (AFP)

Crest of wave

Paris: Jacques Cousteau, the oceanographer, is the most popular person in France for the fifth year in succession, secording to an annual opinion poll. Abbé Pierre, a priest who has given his life to the poor, is second. (Reuter)

Delhi decides to build mosque and temple at Ayodhya

By Christopher Thomas and Our Foreign Staff

THE Indian government last night decided to buy the site of the mosque in Ayodhya, destroyed by militant Hindus, and build a mosque and a Hindu temple there.

"The government will issue an ordinance this week to acquire the disputed land empowering itself to build a mosque and a temple," an official announcement issued after the cabinet had met twice during the weekend said. "The government's aim is to ensure that the balance of both [Hindu and Muslim] communities is maintained," it said.

government spokesman said the cabinet had decided to refer to the president the question of seeking the supreme court's opinion on whether there had been a Hindu temple on the site. where the mosque stood. The cabinet met as hundreds of Hindu extremists began gathering in the holy city of Ayodhya to perform puja (prayer rituals) at the site of the demolished Babri mosque. The demolition of the mosque in Ayodhya in the state of Uttar Pradesh this month triggered a wave of sectarian violence across India, in which at least 1,200 people have

At the weekend the police set up barricades to keep out the pilgrims, who want to worship gods whose statues were erected in a makeshift shrine after the mosque was pulled down on December 6. According to the police, more than 3,000 Hindu zealots courted arrest



Chandra Shekhar: drive to halt religious riots

The government may be avoid playing into the hands Janata Party (BJP), which was cabinet discussed Muslim demands that only a mosque should be built on the site of the old one. Clearly it had no intention of giving permission, for fear of inflaming

Hindu opinion. Moderate Hindu organisations are urging the government not to allow prayers on the disputed site. Eleven political parties and 35 grassroots organisations announced plans on Saturday for a nationwide campaign to mobilise public opinion against intercommunal fighting.

It is supported by two for-Vishwanath Pratap Singh and

in Ayodhya and its sister city. Faizabad, on Saturday. The high court in Allah-abad, which has jurisdiction

over Ayodhya, is due to rule tomorrow whether to allow prayer ceremonies at the site. Ultimately, it will have to be a political decision.

mer prime ministers. Chandra Shekhar, who will address rallies across the country. The campaign will try to discredit the extremist Hindutva ("Hinduness") movement as a distortion of

In Islamabad, the Pakistani government announced last night that it had started to rebuild hundreds of Hindu temples damaged or destroyed by Muslims. The government has also promised unspecified compensation to Hindu families whose homes and businesses were set on fire by Muslim gangs sæking re-venge for destruction of the Ayodhya mosque.

The mosque's demolition created a backlash in Islamic Pakistan that hadly damaged or destroyed at least 260 Hindu temples, according to the government. Most of the temples are in southern Sind province, where Pakistan's 800,000 Hindus are concen-trated, or in eastern Punjab province bordering India.

Omar Farawneh, a doctor,

Mr Zamel was one of nine people taken by Lebanese troops from hospital on Satur-day and ordered to return to the camp. He was wounded Army while the Palestinians tried to march back into the security zone. Abdul Aziz Rantisi, a Gaza physician, pleaded with Mr Jonah to visit us to see for himself the extent of the tragedy and relay

isation's mainstream Fatah faction also sneaked through



Eye on the future: Kenneth Matiba, the opposition leader, ending his campaign at the weekend

Vietnam conquered by neon, nylon and stilettos

From Joanna Pitman IN HO CHI MINH CITY

THE lights are low but the suede heels and the hairstyles are fashionably high in Ho Chi Minh's Peace Ballroom. Here in Vietnam's biggest dance hall, the proud home of the country's only revolving stage, lithe young bodies sheathed in skin-tight black leather and leopardskin prints sway on Saturday evenings to the mellifluous tenor voice of Nguyen Thanh Gian, Vietnam's answer to Cliff Richard.

Outside on the street, purple neon and twinkling fairy lights beckon passers-by and leering bouncers loll about. teasing the teddy-boy hairdos they have built up with a driven economy only six

hairdryer. Rows and rows of Honda motorcycles gleam in the winking lights and occasionally a large Toyota limousine rolls up to deposit a party of women dressed in little more than negliges, and the legendary gentlemen of Vietnam's nouveau riche class, who are reputed to spend £600 or so for a night on the town.

squirt of egg-white under the

Even if the famous revolving stage does shudder to a grinding halt once in a while. falling victim to one of the city's frequent power cuts, the Peace Ballroom is not a bad effort for an authoritarian communist-ruled country that set out on the road to free enterprise and a marketyears ago under the "Doi Moi" policies, Vietnam's version of perestroika.

Inside the smoke-filled dance hall, Giau has switched to a jerk and bump number and dancing girls totter in four-inch stilettos through a cloud of dry ice on to the stage where they perform a synchronised routine of gyrations without noticeable enjoyment, their eyes sweeping through the audience like searchlights. on the hunt for moneyed foreign businessmen.

Thao Dung is 23 and the proud holder of the "Miss Fashion Ho Chi Minh 1992" title. She has been dancing for four years at the Peace Ballroom and earns £3 a night, a fortune compared to

her father who carns only twice that in a month of making felt pens in a small suburban factory. Ms Dung shares half her pay with her parents and three brothers and the rest, she says, "disappears on make-up and clothes". She has long grown tired of the ageing Giau's rock 'n' roll repertoire and longs to perform to New Kids on the Block, her favourite American band.

their meeting to lead a peace rally through Mogadishu

tomorrow. (Reuter)

"One day I'll save enough to buy a Panasonic CD player," she said as she deposited clouds of fresh powder on her cheeks and clambered into a slinky, pearl-encrusted nylon tube. Her dancing partner. Phuong Uyen, 21, has been

"Miss Lovely Legs" contest next spring, but is more interested in studying Japanese than in displaying her limbs to Vietnamese mankind. "I want to work for a Japanese company because rich customers tell me they are going to do very good business here," she said.

Miss Uyen has received wise counsel. Corporate Japan is making its way discreetly into the Vietnamese economy, setting up joint ventures and assembly plants to exploit what Japanese businessmen like to call the newest dragon in South-East Asia. If she studies her Japanese honorifies enough, Miss Uyen could soon rank among Vietnam's nouveau

Russians offer to put Pretoria in space race

reported here yesterday.

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Muslim doubts fail to halt UN plans for Sarajevo evacuation

AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A UNITED Nations official said last night he was optimis-tic that 1,500 people could be evacuated from Sarajevo despite the Bosnian govern-ment's dismissal of the plan as ethnic deansing".

Mik Magnusson, the UN official, was due to discuss the plan, proposed by Lord Owen, the European Community peace negotiator, with Bosni-an officials. It proposes that 500 people from each of the main groups — Serbs, Croats and Muslims — should be allowed to leave the besieged capital over the holidays as a

good-will gesture. However, the Muslim government of President Izetbe govic said that it smacked of ethnic deansing" and was unacceptable. The Bosnians said they were willing to discuss a different evacuation scheme.

Baroness Chalker, overseas development minister, called on the international community at the weekend to "bring the Serbs under control." saying that otherwise nowhere in the region would be safe.

She spoke on BBC Radio 4 of the dreadful condition of detainees she had seen during her recent visit to camps in Bosnia. "Some had been starved, some had been beaten, some had, I think, worse things done to them." She had heard too much about the reported rape of Muslim women to believe that the story

could have been invented. British ministers have been increasingly outspoken in condemning Serbian actions, but Britain has taken a cautious position on the use of force

Lord Owen's plan is in trouble, as is Slobodan Milosevic's attempt at a coalition

by the depth of support for

The Socialists fear that in

coalition with the Serbian Radical party, regarded by the opposition as a neo-fascist movement. Serbia will be to-

tally isolated, and that any

chance of avoiding full-scale

foreign military intervention and retaining Serbian gains in Bosnia and Croatia will be

Opposition leaders reacted

with anger and puzzlement to

a congramilatory telegram sent

by Milan Panic, the defeated

presidential candidate, to

President Milosevic. Both Mr

Panic and Depos have ac-

cused Mr Milosevic of rigging the elections and called for them to be annulled.

On Saturday, Mr Milosevic appeared on television to tell

Serbs that he was committed

to working for peace and crushing the crime wave en-

gulfing Serbia. Armed gangs rob flats in central Belgrade and mysterious shots can be

On the eve of the election,

television equipment going to

Serbia's independent station,

Studio B, which said that it

had received threats, was way-

laid and stolen by highway

robbers who had entered the

country from Hungary. The

UN sanctions committee had given special permission to Studio B to import the equip-

ment so that it could compete

state-controlled

heard at night.

came second in the poll.

and the enforcement of a "nofly" zone over Bosnia. The recent wounding of a British officer in a Serb mortar attack on a convoy will reinforce British worries that foreign intervention could increase the risk for foreign troops helping to deliver food and medicine in Bosnia.

The Labour party issued a warning yesterday of the dangers of enforcing the "no-fly" zone over Bosnia and emphasised that British troops



would be in the firing line in any retaliation. John Reid, the shadow armed forces minister, who has just returned from a visit to Serbia, Montenegro, Kosovo and Bosnia, said there was evidence of the Serbs scaling down their

Last night, Depos, Serbia's leading opposition group, re-buffed soundings from Presi-dent Milosevic's Socialist party about entering a coalition government.

According to Depos leaders, the Socialists, who emerged as the biggest party in elections last week, have been shocked

Hunt for water goes on in siege city

FROM JOEL BRAND

IN A city where most daily life has come to a halt after nine months of devastating siege, people have found a new way to pass their time. They spend all day patiently collecting water, a basic necessity that in the past month has become

Water supplies to the city stopped on December 7, a few days after electricity was cut off. Shelling had damaged the power plant supplying energy to the city's main pumping station. The United Nations says it is trying to get the power plant and other utili-ties repaired, but it is fighting an uphili battle.

Since the beginning of this month the UN in Sarajevo has tried to work on damaged utility plants 52 times. Of those, all but six were cancelled before they started because of heavy fighting. Five times the repair teams came under direct shelling or shooting and were forced to abandon their missions. Only once was a team able to make a repair to one of the hundreds of damaged plants

accessfully.
"I am afraid the water may run out," Sabrija Smailbeg-ovic, 65, said. "Not having electricity and water is the worst - worse than shelling. When there is shelling you go to the shelter, but if you have to go to get water they shoot at you," Mr Smailbegovic added as he paused to catch his breath along Sarajevo's main avenue, Marshal Tito Street

The retired maintenance superviser said, however, that he had been shot at several times while fetching water and he was no longer afraid.



High jump: an Armenian fighter leaping from one rock to another during an operation against Azerbaijani positions near the town of Lachin in the mainly Armenian disputed enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh in Azerbaijan

Socialists resurrect Tapie for tough poll

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH

PIERRE Beregovoy, the FIERRE Beregovoy, the French prime minister, has partly revealed his 1993 election strategy by quietly reappointing Bernard Tapie, as minister for urban development. President Mitterrand signed the accompanion on signed the nomination on Saturday.

The flamboyant owner of the Marseilles football club resigned from the position in May after an opposition depu-ty accused him of a business swindle. Georges Tranchant, the neo-Gaullist politician who alleged M Tapie, 49, had conned him out of his share in a 13 million franc (£1.5 million) pay-off from a Japanese company, dropped his com-plaint last week after the two men came to an agreement.
With the French left trailing

badly in the polls, and the combined right-wing parties confident of victory in March's general election, the Socialists face a stark choice. They can mount a damage-limitation exercise, trying to hold on to the party's core vote, and then lick their wounds in opposition, or they can try to form a loose alliance with the green parties and campaign aggressively against the right.

With M Tapie's appoint-

ment. M Beregovoy seems to have plumped for the second option. The advantage of such a strategy, apart from the hope that a centre-left coalition might form a government, is that its momentum could form the base for the Socialist presidential campaign if M Mitterrand retires early. M Tapie's campaigning

style has always been aggressive and unapologetic. He is now sure to play a starring role in the election campaign.

Siberians complain of winter heatwave

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FROM ROBERT SEELY

W hile Britain shivers in a cold snap, the infuriated Siberians are basking in a comparative heatwave and complaining that the winter is not "refreshing" enough.

Despite temperatures in western Siberia (the warm part) that have been hovering round -10C and were expected yesterday to plummet to-25C, the frozen wilderness stretching from the Ural mountains to the Pacific is experiencing a winter heatwave. "It was tremendous when I was young, we used to get yards of snow on the fields. Now the frost is weaker and the snow is thinner," said Pyotr Abramov, 62, an agricultural worker in Kluchy.

Meteorologists are uncertain why the change in temperature is happening, although they suspect it is caused by three things: the general warming of the planet; heavy industry in the Kuzbass and Novosibirsk regions of Siberia pouring out chemicals and pollutants; and the short-term effects of winds sweeping Siberia

from the Atlantic. The result has angered Siberians. We had temperatures varying from 40C in the winter to 40C in the summer. Now anything below -15C is rare. The weather is not half as refreshing as it used to be," said Sergei Rundaiyev, a former KGB driver brought up in west Siberia.

Temperatures 20 years ago were on average about 5C to 10C lower than they are now. The warming may result in the Russian steppe creeping northwards at the expense of the vast tracks of dense forest that sweep across the north of Siberia.

The change in the climate and the alleged poisoning of some of Siberia's 53,000 rivers has produced apathy and hostility aimed at political leaders. "Before the war the river was clean enough to drink from and the fish good enough to eat. Do that now and it might kill you," Mr Abramov said.

Bush faces demand to hand over his Iran-Contra notes

UK troops attacked, page 1

FROM JAMIE DETTMER IN WASHINGTON

LAWRENCE Walsh, the special Iran-Contra prosecutor. who continued yesterday to express indignation about the Christmas eve pardoning of ning to issue a subpoena to force President Bush to hand over all the private notes he made in 1986 about the illegal arms-for-hostages deal.

Sources in the special prosecutor's office confirmed that Mr Walsh may well question President Bush, probably after he has left office, about why he disclosed the existence of his typed Iran-Contra notes only 17 days ago. The special prosecutor is also likely to investigate the background to the White House's decision to grant pardons to Mr Weinberger, who was due to face trial on perjury charges in January, and five other Reagan aides.

In a newspaper interview yesterday, Mr Walsh alleged that by pardoning the former defence secretary, who had also withheld notes from the special prosecutor's office and from congressional enquiries, Mr Bush had "stopped the trial of a confederate". He said: "Whether criminal or not, it shows the ethics of the administration in a way that I could_not have demonstrat-

the Weinberger case, James Brosnahan, revealed late on Saturday that the former defence secretary's lawyers had said in a pre-trial meeting recently that they planned to call Mr Bush and former President Ronald Reagan as

He claimed that Mr Bush's main motivation for granting the Christmas eve pardons was to "avoid a public appearance where he would be examined and cross-examined about the events of Iran-Contra". In granting the pardons, the president, who has always insisted that he was out of the Iran-Contra "power loop" in the Reagan administration, said that Mr Weinberger and the other five Reagan aides had acted out of "patriotism". He also said that the Walsh investigation represent-

ed the "criminalisation of policy differences". In his initial reaction to the pardons, Mr Walsh disclosed that on December 11 his office had been told by White House lawyers of the existence of typed Bush notes concerning the Iran-Contra affair.

The special prosecutor and his staff were reviewing some notes which have been handed over when they were alerted to the president's decision to ed." The chief prosecutor in

grant the six pardons. During the six-year Iran-Contra inves-tigation, Mr Walsh has been faced several times with former Reagan officials denying they have any notes and then eventually disclosing that the had in fact kept records of administration meetings dealing with the sale of arms to Tehran and supplies to Nica-

raguan rebels. In an interview yesterday with The Washington Post, Mr Walsh said he felt each official was "playing his own game" in holding back notes, but that the cumulative effect of their behaviour had been to protect Ronald Reagan from the threat of impeachment.

The dispute over the pardons is almost certain to engulf President-elect Clinton as well. The New York Times revealed yesterday that Les Aspin, the Democrat congressman who has been selected by Mr Clinton to be the new defence secretary, had promised to support the pardons when privately informed about them in advance by the White House.

● Bush pension: President Bush's 21 years of govern-ment service mean he will collect \$187,000 (£118,000) in annual government pensions. (AFP)

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Accolade for president-elect

By Jamie Dettmer

PRESIDENT-ELECT Clinton was named as Time magazine's Man of the Year yesterday, and in an interview accompanying the award he said global instability was one of his main concerns as he prepares to take over the White House.

The magazine, which started the award in 1927 when the American aviator Charles Lindbergh was given the accolade, noted that Mr Clinton will assume office at a "radically unstable moment in history". Time said it had chosen Mr Clinton in recognition of his election campaign. which he had "conducted with dignity, with earnest attention to issues and with an impressive display of self-possession under fire".

It said his campaign "served to rehabilitate and restore the legitimacy of American poli-tics". With the ending of the Cold war, the Arkansan had become the "most powerful man in the world". Time's other reason for selecting Mr Clinton was more involved with what the president-elect could do than with what he had achieved so far, making the award an unusual one for the magazine. The election

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US ambassador to United N attorney-general health secretary housing and urban develops veteran affains secretary education secretary transportation secretary secretary secretary secretary secretary secretary. reansportation is secretary energy secretary agriculture secretary agriculture secretary administrator of Environmental Protection Agency appointments include: CIA director chairman of national economic council victory had placed him in the position to "preside over one of the periodic reinventions of

the country - those moments when Americans dig themselves out of their deepest problems". Several other presidents, including Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Ronald Reagan and George Bush, have won the award, as has Mikhail Gorbachev. In his comments accepting the award, Mr Clinton said he was anxious about the state of the world. "We are seeing the flip side of the wonder of the

end of the Cold war. The bipolar world gave the US and the Soviet Union a limited capacity to contain some of what we're now seeing in Bosnia I'm worried about Russia. It's all eminently pre-dictable that there would be

some serbacks." He said that he hoped not to get bogged down in trying to fulfil the high expectations of American voters. On the personal front, he hoped White House life would not preclude his daughter, Chelsea, from leading a normal life.

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Confessions of an Oprah fan A Dickens of

Alice Thomson meets the chat show host who plans to put an end to British

reserve

wife-beater or a beaten wife, the killer of a father or the lover of a mother, you can tell it to Oprah Winfrey on The Oprah Winfrey Show.
Miss Winfrey bounces

around her American audience probing into everyone's problems, alternately stern of gaze or unashamedly tearful and sympathetic. A male actor in pornographic films is asked, "Don't you get sore?" In one programme on infidelity a woman confessed: "I had three men as well as my husband and I can tell you it was great." Miss Winfrey told her she had a lot of stamina.

Her punchy performance makes her the highest paid female performer in the United States. She has the highest ratings in history, owns her own television and movie stu-

'I've spent a lot of time on social security. I was once homeless for three weeks'

dio, and she has helped to draft child protection legisla-

tion for Congress. But now Miss Winfrey has a competitor on this side of the Atlantic. Step forward Chrystal Rose, "Britain's answer to Oprah Winfrey". The Chrystal Rose Show starts on Carlton Television on January 6, one of a line-up intended to show that Carlton is a worthy successor to Thames Television.

"I know people are saying I am the next Oprah Winfrey but I am not trying to copy her personality or anything. All I am copying is the format of using a panel and an audience and a roving camera," Ms

lartin's Lane, central London. Ms Rose is wearing a glamorous black and white check suit, lashings of pink and blue eye make-up and white nail varnish. And she is thin. She looks exactly what she used to be, an aspiring model and actress - and she is slightly nervous.

Ms Rose has been to America to find out what Miss Winfrey's secret is and has come back with a photograph



Chrystal gazing: if her show takes off, Ms Rose wants to have a studio of her own. "I'd also like to do a play on the West End. Then I'd like to write a book."

of the two of them laughing together. "Oprah is lovely. She is a mega-superstar but she gave us nearly half an hour, and said what to do and what not to do and talked all about her personal life. I would like

to be as open as her," she says. Unlike her mentor, Ms Rose is not a huggy, touchy person, nor does she have the uncanny grasp of populist psycho-babble, motherly warmth and no-nonsense attitude which makes Miss Winfrey brilliant at her job. In a pilot for The Chrystal Rose Show, the host appears aloof and stilted.

Indeed Ms Rose seems too brittle to make a natural earth mother or sob sister. The show We are sitting in Carlton's might be successful on its squeaky-clean offices in St format alone but her talents has qualities that Miss Winfrey lacks. She is more polished, less superficial, and her opinion of celebrities is

Why did she decide to do it? "I came in one day from netball in 1989 and Oprah was on TV. I saw this black woman and thought, this is fantastic — a multi-cultural show with a black woman. I thought, this is exactly what I

would like to do. I hired a crew for £50 and invited along people and asked them about lipping in Britain. Then I sent to Open Air on the BBC."

The BBC asked her to interview Des O'Connor and her television career began. "I got bits and pieces which I combined with a modelling agency and a PR company but was not doing what wanted," she says. "So I begged my bank manager for £18,000 and planned a series of Oprah-type shows - on being single in London, domestic violence, boxing, divorce and infidelity." Her bank manager was not impressed but television com-

tation of her African name. Ms Rose was born in Lagos, Nigeria, and went to west London as a baby. Her mother returned to Nigeria when Ms Rose was a teenager and she has not seen her father since he went back in 1980. This Christmas they are all meeting at her house with her two sisters and brother.

commissioned by Carlton.

Miss Winfrey has astounded viewers with confessions that she was sexually abused by her cousin when she was nine (and several times thereafter by three other members of her family). was flogged by her grandmother and went to a juvenile detention centre at . She discusses her weight problems, adolescent promiscuity and her boy friend in unflinchingly honest detail.

re Ms Rose's family worried that she will do the same? "They have nothing to worry about, they were great parents. But I don't think they have thought of the enormity of what will happen as a result of the show going on air." Like Miss Winfrey, Ms Rose

says that she believes in sharaudience. "If I appear too successful, with none of the problems of the people I am trying to reach, there's no point. That is why I will be different from other chat show hosts, because I can relate to other people's problems and I will not appear patronising."

Ms Rose is a single mother with a 12-year-old daughter. She started as a model at 18 and has tried everything from journalism to appearing in EastEnders and Inspector Morse. "It sounds as though I have done a great deal but I haven't. I've spent a lot of time on social security. I live alone with my daughter. There was one time when I was homeless for three weeks because of

domestic violence and I was so

poor I had to juggle between buying The Stage or some Ms Rose has not yet thought

of any favourite causes but she feels very sympathetic towards single parents and wants them to see that you can succeed on your own. "I don't want to get on a political stand. Mine is a human relationships show about weight gain, plastic surgery and infidelity. We'll leave Maastricht and Somalia

The American programme attracts guests as diverse as Barbara Bush, Joan Collins, assorted crazies and kooks, the sad, the lonely and the triumphant. Unlike the Americans, the British are notoriously bad at confessing, especially to any sexual or emotional feelings. "In America everyone wants to be famous, so when they have

a chance to be in front of the

camera they never stop," Ms Rose says.

"The British are great talkers when they believe passionately in their subject matter. I hope to make the British more open and frank. We must stop hiding our problems. It's why we are such a depressed

"We did one pilot on battered wives. The man admit-ted that he beat his wife and, with the help of the audience and I, started questioning himself and realised he was a coward. I want my show to be the start of a new trend in British chat shows where people are willing to share experiences and don't see being poor and homeless as a negative thing."

masochists will be among the few people not invited to share their experiences with Ms Rose and her audience.

Carlton says it is not interested in ratings. But if the show is very successful Ms Rose would like a studio of her own. "I came third in a Channel 4 screenplay writing competition. I'd like to do a play and produce it in the West End. Then I'd like to write a book."

a character

raised a private glass. on Boxing day, to the memory of Monica Dickens. She was seventy and newly widowed when I met her, and - if I recall rightly — just off to a mountain adventure centre. There never was a trickier woman to interview because she constantly turned the tables. "You sail, don't you? Where? These people who work the studio equipment presumably they do night shifts?" Her empathy with teenagers made me - in my thirties - feel like a crusted dowager. Ironic that she should die

on Christmas day, a time of so many uneasy family gatherings dominated by elderly relatives of the opposite stamp. One cannot imagine her falling prey to the syndrome described with such beautiful medical tact by Dr Thomas Stuttaford last week as hypoglycaemic "disinhibition".— in which one drink on an empty stomach leads to loud and dogmatic critical remarks ("Let me through — Auntie's gone into disinhibition — crisps.

quick!").

But when I drank to

Monica Dickens it was not Monica Dickens it was not primarily because of the way she was in old age. There are some books which, read in your teens, last all your life. They somehow reinforce your patterns of the because of the calls of the seals of th of thought. Stella Gibbons' Cold Comfort Farm was one such, for me: confirming forever a distaste for emotional scenes ("'Do you want to break your mother's heart?' 'Yes,' said Seth with elemental simplicity. The porridge boiled over.'"). Two more were Monica Dickens' One Pair of Hands — about her year working as a cook-general in various meanly genteel 1930s households - and One Pair of Feet - about her days as a wartime

student nurse. She did not take on either job to write about it, but she became in those works the unquestioned laureate of the dead-end female job. She did for domestic service and nursing what George Orwell more self-consciously did for being down and out. She spoke for the poor bloody infantry, female

Not that cooking or nursend jobs. But they were for Miss Dickens, because she had no particular talent for either. In the hospital she was forever being hauled before Matron to be told "You will never make a nurse, Nurse" and in her 18 months' domestic service, although full of goodwill. she naturally belonged to the panicking, perspiring, oven-shelf-dropping, bleed-



LIBBY PURVES

ing-in-the-lobster-cocktails school of housekeeping. What she expressed was

the odd pleasure of grafting away cheerfully in the wrong job. She graphically rendered the exhaustion of servitude, and how it is when you can't think of getting out because your horizon is bounded by the next trip to the transport café for sausages and bacon after a night shift. Yet at the same time she confirmed that even the lowliest employee has a right to laugh at her employers whether pompous ward sisters or effete bachelor households. She had serious observations about nursing, about domestic servants and the angry unease of that 1930s' generation which saw them slipping away forever; but she expressed it all lightly, as part of life's weird

onica Dickens kept me going through those teen and student years when - lacking, like her. the keen drive to find careerbuilding, network-forming jobs as some of my fellows did - I spent months behind bar counters, waitressing, minding dead-end libraries or copying out fig-ures in a telex record book.

Her spirit was with me through night shifts as a despised, scolded, novice tape-editor in the Bush House newsroom: I wished she could have chronicled some of the night editors there. Nervous of them as I was, trained by her merciless eye I found myself appreciative of such sights as a row of grey-cardiganed hulks sucking at paper mugs of soup in front of the women's gymnastics at 3am during the 1972 Olympics ("They must have such powerful thighs to be able to

Monica Dickens' genius - never better than in those two books — was to express how it is to be tired, downtrodden and not particularly competent, and still to find life - observed from underneath - a riot. For that alone, drink to her.

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A Scottish ruling has once more aroused fears that the legal system is soft on sexual offenders

Then a man posing as a Catholic priest brutally sexually assaulted a woman in Edinburgh she was not only the victim of a particularly vicious crime. She also became the victim, in the eyes of many, of a male-dominated legal system which seems to show excessive leniency towards men who commit violent crimes against women.

The case of Irene MacDonald (her name has been changed to protect her identity) has become a cause célèbre in Scotland. What has particularly shocked the public is that the initial life sentence on Mrs MacDonald's attacker was, three weeks ago, reduced on appeal to six years.

Mrs MacDonald, 37, is the chairman of her local Conservative association and the mother of four children. The attack happened in her home, one lunchtime last May, and was so meticulously planned that no one would have had their suspicions aroused. John Cronin, 21, had already passed himself off as "Father Sean Mulligan" and celebrated mass at St Mary's Cathedral in Broughton Street.

Weeks before the assault, he stopped two young Conservatives delivering leaflets for local elections and told them he wanted to donate money to the party. So when he telephoned Mrs MacDonald she did what most fundraisers would do in the circumstances:

she invited him for coffee. At her large, detached house, Mrs MacDonald recounts the details of her ordeal in a matter-of-fact way. "I felt safe because he was a priest and he seemed knowledgeable about local party politics," she says. "He knew which wards we should be targeting, and which were Labour strongholds, and he wanted to open an account to pay for a newsletter. Even when he jumped on me, I was not so very frightened. He had told me he had been seeing Vatican officials and had been asked to investigate the case of Bishop Casey [who resigned earlier this year after admitting fathering a child]. So when Cronin tried to kiss me, my first thought was 'bloody hell, these Catholic priests are all the same. They all want sex'.

"I pushed him off and ran as far as the door when he thumped me with his

When the law fails a woman

was screaming by this was in big trouble. He put his hands round my throat and I was crying 'I have got four babies, leave me alone'. He dragged me over to the fireplace and picked up a heavy brass poker and repeatedly hit me over the head with it. He hit me so hard the poker was bent at a right angle." Cronin then forced

her to perform a prolonged and degrading sex act before he left, taking money and a jacket to hide his blood-stained clothes.

Although she is a talented organiser, Mrs MacDonald has been advised by the psychiatrists to whom she was referred by her GP not to get involved in organising any campaign concerning her own case.

But her husband, father-in-law and friends are all lobbying on her behalf to get more female High Court judges (Scotland has only one temporary female judge at that level) and they are also pressing, as are groups in England, for judges to receive better training to deal with cases involving violence against women. "I am absolutely devastated by the

appeal court judgement," Mrs Mac-Donald says. "Since it was announced, I have been having nightmares about the attack whereas before, when I thought Cronin had received the proper punishment, I was beginning to cope. It almost makes you feel as if you have done something wrong. How can these three old men [the appeal judges fully understand what a victim clenched fist across my face. He broke a goes through? They heard 26 appeals



Danger man: John Cronin

pletely went against what the original judge had said; that this man is a danger

The trial judge in Edinburgh, Lord Mc-Cluskey, took three weeks to come to his decision to pass a life sentence on Cronin, who pleaded guilty to a number of charges, the most serious of which were indecent assault and robbery. Cronin could not be charged with rape

because vaginal penetration had not taken place. Lord McCluskey said that he was imposing the sentence because. however long Cronin served, when he came out, "life" meant he would always be under licence so the parole board would have some control over him. Giving judgment. Lord McCluskey said: "There is no other way in which a responsible decision can be taken because the conduct of the appellant over the years, culminating in the disgusting and dangerous attack on Mrs MacDonald, showed that Cronin posed a serious threat to public safety and this threat might endure

indefinitely."

Now, after he has served his sentence. Cronin, who was reported to have smiled and waved to the public benches as he left the dock after the appeal court decision, will be free and there will be no subsequent check on his movements.

Mrs MacDonald's husband, fatherin-law and Margaret McGregor, a Labour councillor, have all written to leading Scottish lawyers protesting about the reduced sentence. Yet according to the Right Hon David Hope, the

Lord Justice General for Scotland, the decision is final.

Mrs MacDonald says that she is

disappointed with the lack of support that has been shown to her by the Conservative party. In contrast, the Labour-controlled council's women's unit is leading a campaign against violence against women and children, which was launched in the city earlier

The aim of the campaign, according to Evelyn Gillen, one of the unit's officers, is to change attitudes and make violence against women more socially unacceptable. "We believe this is the first campaign of its kind in the UK." Ms Gillen says. "It is the result of a survey we did among young boys who said they expected to use violence at some time in a relationship. They also said violence is more acceptable when a man is married to the victim. These findings are shocking." The unit has devised a publicity and informa-

tion campaign lasting six months. "Responsibility for their own safety has always been placed on women, and they are advised not to stay out late or preferably not go out at all, and so on." Ms Gillen says. "We need to target men as part of a strategy to make people more aware that violence against women is a criminal offence. They have done this successfully in Canada, spending millions of dollars on television ads."

The spearhead of the Edinburgh. campaign is a series of posters going up on 40 billboards throughout the city. A thousand more will be distributed in public houses. The first poster, concerning child abuse, has been on display over Christmas and will be replaced on January 11 with one illustrating domestic violence, then another depicting rape and sexual abuse will appear for four weeks and finally a poster combin-

ing all three subjects will be distributed. The poster designs are being kept secret so as not to detract from their shock value. It is unlikely they will show photographs of any judges, although the campaign leaders — and Mrs. MacDonald — hope that Scotland's legal authorities will get the message.

HEATHER KIRBY

Who will women be trying to look like next year? Fashion experts make their predictions

Face to face with '93

s we reach the end of 1992, looking back seems the done thing. It is a time to try to make some sense of things. Just why were Madon-na's bosoms hot this year? What made the glamorous glut of super-models shave off their (previously) models shave off their (previously) much-loved eyebrows, and who said it was okay to grow your hair and just wash it and go? Well, logically speaking, that's what we should be doing, but when it comes to the world of fashion there is little room for logic. This is a world where time has little meaning, and where time has little meaning, and no one ever looks back - except for

Having already dictated the fashions - the clothes, accessories, hairstyles and make-up which will be worn (or, at least, will inspire those worn) until the end of the summer of 1993, designers the world over are already thinking about what will follow for the winter of 1993/94. So instead of a pointil port more than the second of painful post-mortem of 1992, influential image-makers have been rounded up and asked for their predictions for the new year. How will we look in 1993 and, more importantly, who will we look like? Until the 1950s fashion was



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Ahead of style: Sinead O'Connor

shaped by movie stars and débutantes. The 1950s had its stars of the screen, too, but for the first time models achieved star status in their own right - Fiona Campbell-Walter, Bronwen Pugh and Barbara

Goalen were the first super-models.

This new celebrity catapulted the faces which emerged in the 1960s into the gossip columns, on the arms of the eligible bachelors of the pop generation. Young, image-conscious girls from every kind of background who no longer fitted a social stereotype — Jean Shrimpton, Twiggy, Patti Boyd, Veruschka, and Penelope Tree were envied, and copied by teenage

girls the world over. The trend continued into the 1970s, with a crop of girls who broke all the rules. Their faces no longer fitted an Identikit "model" look. Lauren Hutton had a gappy smile, yet earned \$200,000 a year in America as the face of Charles Revson's Ultima beauty range; Marisa Berenson was a jet-setting heiress; Jerry Hall was a leggy six footer from Texas, Marie Helvin, a Hawaiian beauty, stole the heart of the photographer David Bailey; Pat Cleveland was simply an actress on the catwalk.

Of course, nobody could have imagined the heights to which models would soar, but the 1980s gave us girls who appeared on the front pages of newspapers for doing nothing more than arriving at airports (something previously the province of film stars), and became quotable. "We don't get up for less than ten thousand dollars a day," being the most lavish of the bunch. The faces of Cindy Crawford, Christy Turlington, Na-omi Campbell, Tatjana Patitz and, of course, Linda Evangelista still grace the covers of magazines. They still walk miles on the international runways of the chicest designers. But, the shifting sands of style tell us that it's time for something new. The business that depends on change to survive needs new blood to keep it pumping, and a new look demands new faces.

 MICHAEL ROBERTS: Fashion photographer, painter, and contributor to numerous international fashion journals

"By next autumn everyone will want to look like Sinead O'Connor. They will all shave their hair off, for a very Buddhist look. Wigmakers will be able to pick up a lot of hair to make pieces with. It will be very mystical, lots of ethnic, and references to Eastern religions. This harks back to Julie Driscoll. Fashion editors will be trekking off to the come a long way baby. Heels, hair,



Fashion JAIN R. WEBB

Himalayas to do shoots. Fashion copy will become very heavy and pretentious, with people seeking to find inner meaning in Next. The make-up will be all about soulful eyes — the mirrors of the soul. A 'no make-up make-up' look, with lots of washed-out saffron and pink. I love that look, I could do it right now. Hair will come off the women and be stuck onto men. The major model for next year is David Bowles. All that long blond hair."

 NICHOLAS KNIGHTLY: New, hot young designer whose first collection after graduating from Ravensbourne College of Art was snapped up by Harvey Nichols and sold out

"For me, Tizer Bailey is the face of 1993. She has a magical aura. Her natural beauty is strengthened by the actress in her, she is relaxed, calm and open. I'm tired of these cartoon-strip stereotypes that people call super-models — fashion is starting to react against these idealistic images, a reaction against the theatrical and unobtainable, a move towards the natural - a more honest approach. Time to relax. Tizer is perfect."

● KARL LAGERFELD: Designer for Chanel, Chloe, Fendi, and own label: photographer, illustrator "A season is not shaped by one thing. The mix gives the mood. Kate Moss is certainly the new super-model. The other ones have to adapt, they are still stars but they have to move with fashion and times. They are still the best. But we are in the 1990s now. I think Kristen McMenamy is the new woman. In a different way from Kate Moss, but as strong. She is fashion' in a modern, more intellectual approach. She is the new 'versatile' face of fashion with no references to the past. Kate Moss fits easily with the posthippyesque pattern. People think those days were the the last easy. careless times. For the first time people who had known a fashion want that mood back for them-selves. Women of 40 are ready for 'grunge'. Dangerous ... but that's fashion. Glamour in the mood of



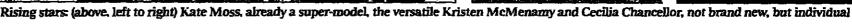
Sixties icon: Jean Shrimpton

the brassy 1980s, big shoulders and all that, is over. One can feel that we are now in the 1990s. The world, the mentalities and everything changed or is changing. It's a

Photographers will also help a lot of the new faces come through. Steven Meisel is very good for that. As strong as Kate Moss and Kristen are, as flat and 'not fashion' is the nice face of Lucie de la Falaise. She is pushing, too. Strong, not classic beauties like Sofia Coppola have a chance. Personality is needed. Glamour has to be reinvented and, for that, new faces are needed."

• KATHRYN FLETT: Editor, Arena magazine "No more grunge. Please! The Seventies look will shift, inevitably, from waifs and strays in hand-medowns to full-blooded 1970s chic chix. Think Farrah, think le coup sauvage, think real suntans rather than nightclub pallor. Kate Moss - a Biba girl for the 1990s - will continue her rise but, as recession turns to depression, we'll need some good old-fashioned glamour to keep us going. Think those 1970s Virginia Slims ads, those Revion/Charley girls ... you've





girl? Sort of Jean Shrimpton meets Farrah via Catherine Deneuve. Her name? Who knows, but she's out there, somewhere . . . '

● ANNA COCKBURN: Fashion editor, Elle magazine "The changing look of models next year will occur because there has been a long-overdue shift of emphasis in fashion photography, the best of which in 1993 will be a product of the photographers who can enhance the beauty of models without masking their individual style and personality. It is the perspective of the photographers and fashion editors which is changing, rather than the models themselves. Prominent faces next year will be Cecilia Chancellor, Emma Balfour, Amber Valetta, Rosemary Ferguson, none of whom are brand new to modelling, but will be in demand in 1993 because each

ALEXANDRA SHULMAN:

possesses 'beauty', strengthened by their own distinct individuality."

Editor, Vogue magazine
"1993 will see the end of the burnished amazon as queen of the catwalk, although no doubt she will remain an ideal on the streets for some time to come. Cecilia Chan-cellor, Kate Moss, Courtney Wright, Amber Valetta and Lucie de la Falaise embody the style of fashion at the moment for their pale simplicity and freshness which doesn't appear brash in these hard times. Many of the established models carry the new spirit perfectly — like Christy Turlington and Claudia Mason. However, my guess is that waifishness is a transitory phase in the move towards the recognition of increasingly individual styles of beauty, illustrated, for instance, by the current success of Kristen McMenamy. So long as we want super-models, there they will be Jean Shrimpton was a supermodel, in fact a remarkably similar one to the new breed."

• MARY GREENWELL: Makeup artist whose work appears on the pages of Vogue and fashion journals worldwide and is seen on the catwalks of international designers

There is no one role-model in particular, there is room for everyone. Kate Moss's fresh face is a good example of things to come. Aesthetics change with each decade and the way in which hair and make-up artists interpret the new look is always open to change. The atmosphere of change is similar to the feeling in 1982/83 when the Japanese (Yohji, Comme des Garcons) hit the carwalks. The same feeling of individuality and quirki-ness is upon us again. The reference points are cleanliness and airiness, hippy values. The supermodels will adapt because they are so professional and so beautiful. They are celebrities in their own

change. They have been a wonderful inspiration to everyone over the past four or five years, and will continue to be so. The current recession is forcing people to re-address their values, the new feelings are those of reality and earthiness. Rifat Ozbek predicted this change as long ago as 1986. With his white, New Age collection he heralded the shift toward peace, tranquility and nirvana. Karl Lagerfeld, the man who orginally gave women the ultimate status symbol - the quilted (and gilted) handbag - has now thrown glamour out of the window and given women back the freedom and confidence they lost during the power-crazy years of the late 1980s. Women are being born again, feminity is a stronger more positive celebration of being a woman; a brilliant, magical time."

• SARAH DOUKAS: Owner of Storm model agency, and the woman responsible for discovering Kate Moss

"The nouveau hippyesque look that was achieved in a lot of the pictures of Kate Moss in 1992 reflects, perhaps, a more human and



Seventies chic: Farrah Fawcett

sensitive approach to fashion. However, there is far more substance to both the look of the 1990s and Kate Moss than just a teenage hippy-type image. For instance, Kate has just appeared on the US Harper's Bazaar cover, where we find our laid-back teenage girl transformed into a woman of dignity and elegance. Essentially, she is an image of style and refinement but still with more sensitivity than the harsh, brash look of the 1980s. So perhaps the key for the look for 1993 will be this versatility and the ability to change from casual to sophisticated. Expect to see a lot more of Kate in 1993."

• GIANNI VERSACE: Designer, Milan

"There is obviously a radical change in women's fashion. Silhoueties, colours, shapes have suddenly changed and it seems there is no time to adjust the existing style.

roots in today's life, in the rush and modern life we all live. Since it is a new phase the new look is represented by new faces, by models who are different from the top models we usually see in fashion shows. The new face is a dreaming, not an aggressive one. I think the top models like Christy Turlington, Naomi Campbell or Claudia Schiffer will survive and, of course, will have success for a long time but they won't be alone."

TINA GAUDOIN: Health and beauty editor, Harper's Bazaar

magazine, New York "1993 will be the year of the gawky not the glamorous. And it is not going to be just about one face there's a multitude of new, young girls skyrocketing through the ingénue modelling ranks who we will be seeing more of in the next year. While Kate Moss was definitely the catalyst for the new wave of smaller, paler-skinned, finer-boned, ga-mine models, she is by no means on her own.

"Others to watch out for include Emma Balfour, Laura Roundell, Janine, Simone, Patricia Hartman, Jenny Brunt, Kate Dillon, Amber Valetta and Lyndsey Parker. What's also going to be interesting and unusual in 1993 is watching 'the come-backs' - girls who we'll all have seen before but, because their face and body fit the new look, will undergo a revival. Cecilia Chancellor and Lucie de la Falaise are excellent examples, as is Kristen McMenamy. These new girls will positively redefine what we think of as beautiful. For most of them their success is in projecting their person-

alties as well as their faces.
"In 1993 it's going to be okay to be shorter than 6ft, to have breasts that measure in at less than a 36C, and it's also going to be chic to have unsymmetrical features and to be described as 'interesting' rather than flawlessly beautiful. With these girls, make-up also takes a new direction. The way they photo-graph best is with 'no make-up' make-up, that doesn't mean they're not wearing any, it just means that a make-up artist has toiled for hours to make them look as if they aren't. Hair will also take the direction of simplicity and softness. Expect wash and wear cuts, fringeing, wisping and lots of centre partings. It's the accessibility of the faces of 1993 that will make them so endearing. Women are going to be able to identify far more readily with this new batch of girls. who will be far less alienating than the super-models of the past six years. Even more positive is that, so far, none of them show any signs of interest in ascending to the heights of heady, super-model status. We are about to enter an age when modelling will once more be looked on as just another job."

• SAM McKNIGHT: Hairdresser, who has shaped the look of hair,

Pale simplicity, powerful personality: Amber Valetta (left) and Lucie de la Falaise





Magical aura: Tizer Bailey



designer world-wide

"The five girls that stick out in my

Valetta, and Shalom. For all differ-

ent reasons. Cindy, Christy,

Tatjana, were all different, they

made it because they each had a

never be anyone to replace them,

making a few flurries, but there will

more individual. Kate will be Kate,

just stamp a new look on her. It's

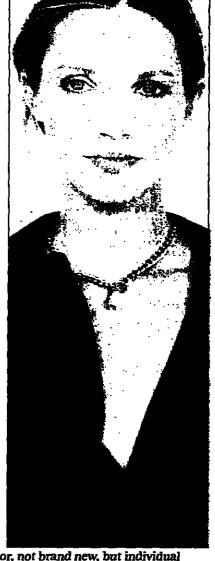
the same for designers. Designers

are again making clothes which Cecilia wore in 1983. I hate that

been wearing for years. Whatever

things. It's weird to wear designer

things now, it's almost vulgar to be



cycle, remember we hadn't seen glamour for years, so this is just

mind are Lucie de la Falaise, Kate • MARIE HELVIN: One of the Moss, Cecilia Chancellor, Amber faces of the 1970s, now designing her own range of stretch fashions "People are talking about the 1970s revival, but it's really the late 1960s which are being reworked. I personal style and look. There will came into modelling at the end of that period. I remember my first but of course faces will evolve job with the photographer Barry Lattegan. The make-up artist was sick and he said to me and the three never be anything like that again, it other girls, 'I want you to look like flowers'. I thought, 'What?', but the other girls understood and did my face — all yellow, purple and green eye make-up. That was the time of Giorgio Sant'Angelo, vibrant colours, wild make-up — Penelope Tree and Make-up — The was a unique thing. Whatever happens the look will become a lot etc., etc. It doesn't matter if Kate and Lucie are tiny. It's the same with hair. If a girl on a job has a certain look, you have to adapt that and make something of it, you can't Tree, and Marisa Berenson. The designer fashion in the 1970s wasn't really fun or funky, it was straight and boring, which is why photographers like Bailey made up intle stories, because the clothes were so dull. Personally 1 hate nostalgia, it plays safe, it doesn't make for change, but the fashion business always looks back at times word grunge, they are dothes we've designers do, everyone still wears jeans, or leathers, all those classic of depression. When we come out done up in all those labels. But it's a of it, it will be great."

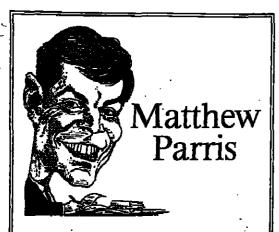


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■ The eighth wonder of the world is 12,000 feet up in the **Bolivian Andes**

s it snowing in Britain? It is here. This is my first Christmas eve spent at an abandoned sulphur mine 17,000ft high in a remote corner of southern Bolivia. We are looking for a piece of scrap steel which might hang the offside front springs of a clapped-out Land Rover back onto the chassis from which they came adrift when we hit a lump of lava on the track.

But I don't care. I am not in the least worried. I only feel exhilarated, for I have just discovered my eighth wonder of the world. In an era where there seems so little left to explore I never thought to reach middle age without knowing about this. Like stout Cortes,

only slimmer, I have gazed upon a hidden world-You know of the pyramids, you have read about the hanging gardens of Babylon, you have visited the Parthenon and the Niagara Falls. But have you heard of the Salar de Uyuni? Few have. Still fewer have come here. I should never have done so myself if I had not read Henry Shukman's account in his book Sons of the Moon. Shukman sounded wonder-struck, as he was only 18 when he wrote and (I thought) perhaps prone to adolescent exaggeration. I decided to see the Salar for myself. Now I have done so. Shukman understates.

The question why this marvel in the Bolivian Andes is not better known is answered, no doubt, by the inconvenience of getting here. I must write about BR -- Bolivian Railways -- in detail and limit myself, now, to one short message of comfort for Essex commuters who venture into Fenchurch Street: it could be worse. It could be much, much worse. Infinitely worse. Getting to Uyuni, from Antofagasta in Chile, was hell, but we did it.

Uyuni is a town at the edge of my eighth wonder. The hotel is fine. Its bed bugs do not bother you and flushing the loo with a bucket from an oildrum of water is your preferred toilet routine. Uyuni is a dump: a windy, friendly, colourful dump: a big Indian market, really, fanning out through dusty streets lined with tin-roofed shacks. The altitude is about 12,000ft.

the town lies by the Salar. The Salar de Uyuni is a 3,000-square-mile salt pan: 10 billion tons of salt ringed by volcanoes, snow-capped and smoking; and surrounded by turquoise lagoons fed by hot and cold underground springs, tens of thousands of flamingoes, and wildlife of the rarest sort. The whole strange, secret world is suspended high above the great plain of the Chilean Atacama which stretches beneath us to the Pacific shore.

The Salar, and the magnificent waste of lakes and mountains which guard it, is in fact a desert. The deserts of South America are quite full and very intense, far more beautiful than those of Africa, Arabia or Australia. They are full of incident: bright, sharp colours, yellows, reds and browns, children's picture-book volcanoes soaring into clear blue skies, silhouetted mountainscapes and ice peaks, cactuses and weird rocks scattered about, geysers spouting, hot springs steaming, sulphur tipping from the mountainside, lava-flows which seem to have hardened only yesterday. If a pterodactyl were to swoop round the nearest smoking cone, it would hardly seem out of place.

And there are beautiful lagoons, of which

the Salara de Uyuni was once one. It is about 60 miles across. Scattered around it are smaller salars, all of them once part of a great inland sea. Now only the salt remains.

This you will not believe until you see it. It is a vast unbroken crust, blinding white, the size of two English counties, pancake-flat, pure salt crystal. It stretches like the top of a gigantic Christmas cake as far as the eye can see. Punched through it, you glimpse the shallow saline lake beneath, rising and falling with the seasons, the oily water sometimes a few inches above the crust, usually (as now) hidden beneath the hard, baked surface.

n this you can drive, if you take care. We drove for half an hour at 60mph into the middle. From here you can see nothing but salt stretching to the horizon, where hang the low black silhouettes of encircling hills. These hills seem to float, if you can imagine it, in a distant narrow band around you. suspended between an upper hemisphere of bluewhite and a lower hemisphere of sheer white. Someone has compared it to the perspective of an ant crawling across an infinite mirror. It is

The salt crunches underfoot if you move. Otherwise there is absolutely no sound, absolutely no life, only the singing in your head which grows strangely loud. In the middle of the salar is an "island". It literally is an island, for its rocky shores rise, almost black by contrast, straight out of the salt. Nothing lives there but rock-rabbits and cactuses — thousands of spiky 20ft green poles, the girth of a man, sprouting flowers. The scene is dreamlike, surreal.

From the salar we drove towards the Chilean border past the active Ollague volcano and five lagoons, their paintbox colours orchestrated by their resident algae. Flamingoes were everywhere and in the valleys vicuña (an endangered species, deer-like prototypes for the domesticated llama) ran. By the shores of the huge Laguna Colorada, its waters salmon-pink. we slept on the floors of the mud huts of the tiny Indian settlement. Our mattresses were Chilean fishmeal sacks, stuffed with straw.

Limping now, our vehicle's front axle crabwise to the chassis, we made for a sulphur mine called Susana, passing two cold and lonely Bolivian soldiers at a half-ruined camp. Great yellow lumps of sulphur dropped by the lorries which truck minerals to the Chilean border lay all around.

And it began to snow. Which is where you came in, I suppose, to this account sketched out while the hunt for a steel rod continued. If you are reading this then presumably we did manage to effect the repair and did survive the return journey over that snow-laden ridge ahead with our Indian driver, who is mad, drunk and dribbling green puree of coca leaf, a habit to which some of us have succumbed.

This will sound rather breathless. I suppose: a bit like an unpaid advertisement for the Bolivian tourist board. But I am breathless: breathless with the altitude, and breathless with

In praise of politicians

ticians might seem to be taking seasonal generosity to extremes. The Christmas spirit is all very well, but...
Most agree with the view in
King Lear. "Get thee glass eyes;
and, like a scurvy politician.
seem to see the things thou species. In Italy, several well known leaders face charges of The old adage about politi-

cians being as unpopular as estate agents turns out to be true. A Mori poll in early October asked people whether various groups worked very hard, or not very hard, or not at all hard. Top of the list, rated as very hard working by nine in ten, were nurses, followed by doctors, policemen, teachers and postmen. Even company directors were ahead of MPs. seen as very hard working by just 12 per cent. while 43 per cent thought they did not work very hard or at all hard. Their only consolation is that just 7 per cent reckoned that members of the European parliament worked very hard and only 6 per cent thought estate agents did. That is tough on estate agents, given what they have to do to sell a house in the present state

I a write in defence of poli-

of the market. The past 12 months have not been kind to politicians as a

corruption. In America, many members of Congress failed to be re-elected after alleged abuse of perks, while Ross Perot won nearly a fifth of the votes in November on an anti-politics message. In Britain, our scandals are more limited and more prurient. The greatest excitement is generated by matters which are either entirely personal or where there is no evidence of winere there is no evidence of wrongdoing — Paddy Ash-down's affair with his former secretary, and the downfall of David Mellor and the payment of the Chancellor's legal fees. These have generated far more heat in the tabloids than either Black Wednesday or ministerial devi-

Hero worshipping politicians is unhealthy. That is the route to the tawdry illusions of Camelot on the Potomac of the Kennedy era and subsequent bitter disappointments. And heroes come to believe the worship and become authoritarian. The British system may be brutal in its

ousness over arms sales to Iraq.

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

means of dismissal; just ask Chris Patten, Francis Maude, John Maples and half a dozen others who lost both their seats in the Commons and their ministerial offices last April. while they watched their friends stay in office. But the suddenness of defeat underlines that MPs are ultimately at the disposal of the electorate.

But we should not be too dismissive of MPs. Their vices are less venal and more public than those of many other groups. The pure artist or writer bemoaning the impure politician is often a humbug, eagerly after the next cheque and feud ing with his or her fellow artists and writers. The difference is 'that MPs' faults come under the public spotlight.

The motives of politicians are as mixed as the rest of us. They are not the selfless servants of the people they may pretend, but nor are they just out for themselves. As good a definition as any was Richard Crossman's in 1958: "A tradition of public service: then a dash of vanity and another of self-importance and, added to these, a streak of rebelliousness, a pleasure in good talk for its own sake, and in gregarious living. These, much more than the desire for personal power, are the qualities

of the individual member."

Money itself plays little part.

Most current MPs of whatever party, let alone ministers, earn less than they would outside the Commons. The real vice of politicians is vanity. They take themselves too seriously. But that is a harmless enough sin, easily corrected by the way that most MPs are ignored.

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Even to talk of politicians generally is a mistake. The days may be long past when Harold Macmillan could claim that many Tory MPs, perhaps the majority, had no desire at all for political advancement and few sought office. And the romantics may deplore the disappearance of the independent member (always much exaggerated) and the rise of the full-time career politician, the former special adviser or councillor eagerly seeking from the time of election a post on one or other of the front benches.

The Commons remains, however, far from homogeneous. Behind the grey suits, there is still diversity. For every Michael Portillo or Gordon Brown rising rapidly to the top, there is a Tam Dalyell, Frank Field, Rob-ert Adley or Nicholas Budgen prepared to challenge received opinions. Wide differences in regional interests, and accents, continue. The Commons has its fair share of charlatans, crooks, phonies (generally found out very quickly), and bores (above the national average). But even the most pompous MP often has something interesting to say

about some subject. Ambition obviously plays a part in at least the early stages of most politicians' careers. Fame is still the spur. The glittering

prizes still beckon. But in my experience most MPs have views. Their initial interest in politics was triggered, if not by an ideological commitment. then at least by a sense that they wanted to change the world.

Most MPs are genuinely attached to their constituencies, often in an absurdly proprietorial way, and enjoy helping sort-out local problems. That may account for the intriguing finding in the Mori poll that, while there is a net balance of minus 24 points (satisfied less dissatisfied) in attitudes to MPs generally, the net rating is plus 16 when it comes to how voters see their own MPs.

Our MPs are not saints. But that is not why we elected them. In their often muddled way they reflect our varied interests and aspirations. Shortly after entering the then 635-strong Commons in 1959, Richard Marsh told Clement Attlee how fascinating he found it meeting the people there. He meant he was mixing with household names. Attlee saw it differently. Puffing his pipe and nodding his head, the former prime minister said:

"Quite right, my boy. Very profound remark: 635 of them, all peculiar one way or another."

Last writ for the libel liars

Bernard Levin welcomes the proposals that will withdraw a legal licence to print money

don't know why everybody looked at me when Lord Mackay announced that there was to be a reconstruction of the libel laws: true, I have worn out a couple of dozen newspaper legal advisers. and indeed whitened the hair of a good few editors, but m'lud (yes, I know they don't say m'lud any more, and indeed I know who was the last lawyer to use that charming abbreviation
— it was the late Sir Valentine Holmes) has not had the pleasure of my company in the witness box for 23 years. (There was a moment, a few weeks ago, when it seemed that I might be appearing not in the witness box but in the dock — a little matter of contempt of court but it blew over, absit omen.)

The present libel law, or more exactly the use of it, has become a monstrous scandal, for several reasons. First, hardly a week passes without some con man demanding gigantic sums from organ has ruined his business. his friendships and his character, none of which exists. The editors cough up sums rarely less than five figures and more often six, in the knowledge that if the con man went to court, he would be awarded even more (plus costs) from presumably demented juries.

I do not believe that more than a tenth of the libel plaintiffs the courts deal with have any justification whatever, and most of the tenth could and should have been settled over a cup of tea with a mild apology and a shakehand. Moreover, the British libel laws (and usages) are so grotesquely perverted that thimbleriggers from all over the world have been finding or inventing a connection, however obviously fraudulent, with a case in Britain, in the hope - a hope very rarely dashed - of dancing out of the court with a fortune, plus costs.

The second charge concerns the very strange origin of the helplessness that binds newspaper editors to pay almost any amount of money to keep a libel action out of court; I believe that

I have discovered the nature of the strangeness. Almost all libel cases are tried with juries; juries are a cross-section of the populace; many of them read the - er — less expensive newspapers. and feel guilty about their addiction to the scandal sheets; the guilt must be expiated, so it is assuaged by the huge sums juries award; QED. Very touching: but not justice.

Third, the reason for a libel law has been forgotten. It is, or should be, a means by which the harm done by the libel (if any, and there usually isn't) is put right. That could be done by public apology, by substantial notices in the local or national press, by a form of words on which the plaintiff could rely to demonstrate his uprightness, and more such proceedings. But the bar to an equitable libel law in this country is the damnable rule that damage is assumed. From the moment the case starts, the principles of justice fold his arms and demand that the defendant prove everything. and until that imbalance is restored we shall never have a libel law that is remotely fair.

ourth, it gives so much money to the lawyers (costs can go, and have gone, into the millionpound stratosphere) that they are often very close to barratry the fomenting of litigation. (I am not sure if barratry, or an equivalent, can be committed by solicitors; if it can be, my word it is.)

But fifth, and most of all, even when the plaintiff is honest in his claims, the entire court proceedings are corrupted by the blatant falsity of the statements the jury is asked to believe - far more and far worse than in any other branch of legal dispute - together with the money that oozes out of every crack in the courtroom.

So what is to be done? Well. Lochinvar Mackay has drawn up a schedule of changes that, given a chance, would cure almost every one of the justified



system; as I read through what proposed I became almost alarmed at the radicalism with which the task has been undertaken.

To start with, there is a proposal which would wipe out in one clause something like 90 per cent of libel actions before they got into court: the judges (and you know how I love judges) would rule, before the trial machinery even started. whether the words complained of "are capable of bearing the defamatory meaning alleged".

Next, and nearly as good, a libel defendant would avoid the entire courtroom proceedings, together with the years of preparation, if willing to make an offer of amends", which would take the form of an agreement that the defendant is in the wrong and is willing to pay a sum in damages fixed by a judge.

Then again, another grievance will be ended; it was one of Robert Maxwell's most used weapons. He would take an action for libel, but not go forward with it, thus stifling not only the defendant but any further investigation in the tender area. Then the law allowed him to mock justice for three years, before the case had to be prosecuted or dropped; in the new version, it is put up or

shut up in a year. But the jolliest item of all would sort out the men from the boys in no uncertain fashion. Hitherto - it was one more of the scandalous inversions of justice that went with the defendant's duty to prove everything while the plaintiff needed to prove nothing - however dis-

reputable or indeed crooked the plaintiff, the defendant could not use knowledge of the opponent's specific malfeasances, but could only plead that the plain-tiff had a general bad character, which was thus almost impossible to prove. Now, it seems, a defendant will at least be able to mitigate damages if the defence can call on evidence of wrong doing in the area of the case.

7 ill it happen? Time will have to be found in the parliamentary calendar, but for so massive a reordering of our libel laws it would certainly be provided. There may be a rearguard action by the Bar, and the strength of that should not be underrated; although the judges made monumental fools

of themselves when Lord Mackay's first green papers were published (though that was nothing compared to the fool of himself that the then chairman of the Bar made), they have plainly won; how many solicitors have you seen pleading in the High Court?

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It has been said that Lord Mackay wants to leave the Woolsack: I hope that it is not true, and if it is that he will reconsider his decision. Half a century has gone by without any significant reshaping of our libel laws, and half of that half century has been exploited by some of the worst rogues who ever walked into a courtroom poor and walked out very rich indeed. If Lord Mackay does retire, I for one shall fire off a 21-gun salute, and then go and libel somebody, just for fun.

Let stalk Strine

A LITTLE-KNOWN fact about the late Monica Dickens was her contribution to Australian sub-culture - she was responsible for the language known as Strine. Back in the Sixties, while Dickens was in a Sydney bookshop autographing copies of her latest book, a woman handed her a copy and said: "Emma Chisit". Assuming this to be her name. Dickens dutifully wrote "To Emma Chisit" on the flyleaf. This did little to satisfy the purchaser who had, of course, been asking "How

ed in a Sydney newspaper and a new Antipodean language was born. It became particularly popular through the efforts of Afferbeck Lauder, a linguistic luminary who made himself professor of Strine studies at Sinny University. Lauder, whose real name has never been known, invented the word Strine - from Australian - and coined such unforgettable phrases as gloria soame (gloria's home), marmon dead (Mum and Dad), and, of course, orpheus rocker - which needs no translation.

The incident was later report-

 With a touch of eccentricity that will certainly appeal to the French. Sir Christopher Mallaby intends to travel through the Channel tunnel on his way to take up office as Her Majesty's latest man in Paris. Mallaby, who replaces Sir Ewen Fergusson in February, is making a point of donning hard hat and riding in one of the temporary railcars under the channel - thus becoming the first British ambassador ever to take up any post over land. While the Foreign Office is unable to confirm travel plans, insiders at the Paris embassy say Mallaby is keen to use the tunnel — doubtless as a further sign of rapprochement between the nations.

Using their heads

THE Carlton Club, bastion of the Tory establishment, is relying on its most illustrious members - past and present - to help pay for the extensive restoration required after the building was damaged by an IRA bomb in 1990. The dub has commissioned a limited edition of prints from its portrait collection of post-war leaders. They are being discreetly advertised at competitive prices within the

Conservative party. The order book for the prints,



which range in price from £1,750 to £3,000, makes interesting reading - not least as a barometer of the relative popularity of the post-war leadership. Baroness Thatcher, the only female member of the club, heads the list, with John Major and Winston Churchill running close behind. Sir Edward Heath is left trailing in their wake, whereas Lord Home whose tenure was not of the longest - remains surprisingly popular.

The present prime minister must indeed be flattered. The orders made for prints of Major have been lodged in anticipation, rather than appreciation, of his portrait. "The official portrait of John Major has not been done yet because of his punishing schedule," says Martin Cowen, who is responsible for the project. "In spite of this, the orders are still coming in. All proceeds will be used for the

continued refurbishment and renovation necessary because of the terrorist attack on the club." A stock of 850 pictures has

been printed of the last three prime ministers - those complete with signed letters command the highest prices. The four surviving Tory prime min-isters, all of whom have enthusiastically supported the scheme. will be presented with their own prints — gratis.

Shrinking Major

THE natural caution of John Major did not prevent him from flying out to Bosnia, but the prime minister is nevertheless showing considerable angst over the fate of his 36,200 majority in Huntingdon, likely to be reduced by as much as half if the Boundary Commission has

So worried is Major by the proposals that he has called in

Robert Hayward, the Tory party's pet psephologist, for person-al advice. Hayward saw the prime minister twice in one day before Christmas, and calculat-ed that Major, who enjoys the largest numerical majority of any British prime minister, is likely to see the number dwindle to 20,000. "With that sort of majority he hasn't got too much to concern him," says Hayward, who should know. He lost his Kingswood seat, where he had a 4.393 majority, at the last

 Even the most devoted opera lovers may occasionally balk at the £3.60 cost of a round of smoked salmon sandwiches at Covent Garden's crush bar. They may turn their noses up even more if they know they may be eating recycled offerings. Long gone are the days when unsold sandwiches were offered to the staff restaurant. They are offered for sale again the next day, according to UpROHr, the

Return of fire

in-house magazine.

A BAN on Christmas log fires in Rotherham has done little to dent the spirit of Lord Scarbrough, whose sprawling 18th-century home, Sandbeck Park, is hard to heat at the best

of times. In an act of aristocratic defiance. Scarbrough has sent a Christmas card to all 63 members of the local council depicting him in a coronet and robes trying to warm his cockles by a log fire. Drawn by his friend



Willy Rushton, the card offers warm wishes for Christmas and the New Year".

The council has imposed the ban under a new smoke-control order which, thankfully, does not prevent the use of central heating. "At least I can use that," says Scarbrough. "I won't break the law but the rooms. here are so hig that open fires help keep the place warm. It does seem ridiculous that I can't burn wood in my home but I

JAILHOUSE ROCKED

Britain's prisons need the disciplines of the market

The Ballad of Reading Gaol was played once again over the weekend and its refrain remains as bleak as ever. As the buildings of this remand centre blazed, inmates rioted and injured prison officers were rushed to hospital, Derek Lewis, the prison service's new director general, must have wondered whether his appointment last week was much of a Christmas present.

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The choice of Mr Lewis, the former chief executive of a television company, who admitted he had never visited a jail, has been widely criticised. But the appointment of an experienced businessman untarnished by the sluggish culture of the penal system may prove to be an inspired one.

Spending on Britain's 128 prisons rose by 13 per cent in 1990-1. The Woolf report which followed the Strangeways riots of two years ago has set a fresh agenda for humane reform. Yet the problems of overcrowding. inhumane conditions, drug abuse and prisoner suicide seem as insoluble as ever. The prison service is in no position to scorn the counsel of a distinguished outsider.

Official fingers usually get burnt when they set about penal reform. How a society punishes its lawbreakers is a mark of its ethical character, humanitarianism and commitment to the rule of law. Any change, therefore, is bound to offend one moral position or another — as Kenneth Clarke. the home secretary, will discover if he chooses to introduce custodial sentences for

young teenagers. But the resistance to change in the prison system also reflects the power of the vested interests that run it. No public sector union has managed to insulate itself from reform quite so successfully, and for so long, as the Prison Officers' Association. Anomalously, its 29,500 members have retained the right to strike, while the union's stranglehold on staffing levels and rosters has made a

mockery of modernisation plans. Last year, each prison officer took an average of five weeks' sick leave. The Fresh Start programme to reduce overtime costs is now in place and will encourage a loosening of these restrictive practices. But the reform of the prison service must rest on two more foundations: the development of a mixed economy and radical decentralisation.

The privatisation of prisons has become a fiercely emotive issue, provoking the charge that businessmen will be profiting from suffering. Yet what Mr Clarke proposes is not a straightforward self-off but an ordered procedure for contracting out services previously provided by a grossly inefficient monopoly. Agreements between state and contractors will be hedged about with conditions and the threat of stiff financial penalties. Privately-run prisons will be supervised by a government servant and monitored by Judge Tumin's inspectorate. The market should complement, rather than undermine, the state.

The record of the American prison system shows that privatisation is not a panacea and there have already been instances of violence and abuse at the Wolds Centre in Humberside, the first private prison in this country. There is no guarantee that the private sector will be able to raise the resources to bid for prison contracts. But the aim of the reform should not be uniform privatisation but a healthy mixed economy in which private and public sector both play a part and

competition edges out stagnation.

Above all, this should be accompanied by decentralisation. The establishment of the new prison services agency in April under Mr Lewis is a step towards devolution; but it is absurd that prison governors are still unable to recruit, promote or hire staff. Every school in the country now runs its own budget. Why not prisons?

VIEW HALLOO!

Stop harassing huntsmen for their old tradition of a good time

Today two tribes of traditional British sportsmen will be out in force for one of the first mass meetings of their season. From the South Devon to the Duke of Buccleuch's, and from the Essex and Suffolk to the Llandello Farmers', the countryside of Great Britain will once again come alive with the sweet music of the hounds, the bray of the hunting set, and the hullabaloo of the hunt Anyone can jump. Look at fleas." saboteurs being dragged away by police or beaten up by hunt followers. The huntsmen chase the fox, and the antis chase the hunters: the sabs in pursuit of the nobs, and the demonstrators harassing the equitators.

Both sides in their opposed sports stand at the head of very long traditions. The custom of taking hounds on military campaign and writing about their care goes back beyond the Duke of Wellington to the dim past of Arrian, the biographer of Alexander the Great, and Xenophon. Hunting for pleasure is a primeval human instinct, started by the ancient Briton bringing home the bacon by biffing a behemoth, and extending down to the young bloods who galloped a straight line at Balaclava or drove one in the Gulf war. From that inveterate poacher, Falstaff, to Surtees, Kipling, Siegfried Sassoon and Evelyn Waugh, literature is full of hunting. In their devotion to it from William the Conqueror, who enclosed the New Forest for his sport, onwards, hunting has been a defining pastime of the monarchy.

On the other hand, opposition to hunting is not just a new pursuit of the envious or priggish urban and suburban masses. It represents an old English Puritan tradition of single-issue fanaticism and bossing other people about how to behave. Sam Johnson said that it was very strange, and very

melancholy, that the paucity of human pleasures should persuade anyone to call hunting one of them. And William Cowper exclaimed: "Detested sport, That owes its pleasures to another's pain." As Margot Asquith interrupted, when someone was praising her bete noire Lord Lonsdale's prowess as a rider to hounds "Jump?

More people are hunting and following hunts than ever before. The gulf between the country hunting tribe and the suburban protesting tribe is vast, and growing wider. Both sides really need to cultivate that other old English virtue of tolerance.

Earlier this year a video nasty, taken by a mole from the League Against Cruel Sports, showed cuddly little foxes being dug out and thrown to the hounds by the celebrated Quorn Hunt, and so (rightly) disgusted tender opinion. Kevin McNamara's wild mammals (protection) bill was defeated by only 12 votes earlier this year, with 27 Conservatives supporting it. Campaigns to ban hunting on National Trust land and around the county councils will not go away.

The saddle-leather conservatives of hunting must bend to the modern winds, and codify their sport so as to minimise cruelty. The protestors ought to accept that there is far more cruelty done to animals in stocking the deep freezers in supermarkets than in the highly inefficient but necessary culling of foxes by hunting.

Neutrals observing the two sports on the hunting field today. like many bouncing on it, will support that other honourable old English tradition of shouting for the underdog - and wish the old fox a good run for his money. Run, Reynard, run.

GOOD THINGS, GREAT THOUGHTS

Christmas Past: a series on the unchanging face of the season. Seven: From The Times of December 27, 1932

This morning's Great Thought is that from Land's End to Berwick-on-Tweed, from Lowestoft to St David's Head, today has been declared an extra Bank Holiday. This, as the authors of 1066 and All That would put it, is a Good Thing, though, like other good things, it may have its drawbacks.

The heads of families, for instance, with shrunken incomes that will not run to unlimited holiday treats, and such tradesman as would prefer to keep their shops open, may have their own ideas about it. But to the generality of mankind, owing to the frailty of human nature and the inherent laziness of the flesh, the prospect of what schoolboys call a long lie-in is undoubtedly a Good Thing in itself.

So, too, is the blessed Sabbath relief of not having to run for the 8.52 up or a Number il omnibus on the way to the daily round of all the trivial tasks that between them make

this busy little world of ours go round. But what about the rest of the day? For this, besides being an extra Bank Holiday, is a second Boxing Day, on which, as the dictionary tersely remarks, "Christmas boxes, or presents, are given to errand boys, postmen, &c.". Some fraction of every penny that we put into an outstretched hand goes indirectly to increase the amount of employment, and so to help the great army of men and women who are condemned for at least some part of the year to a life of enforced idleness the very reverse of a holiday, because so many mills and pits and steamships are silent and smokeless and so

many shops half empty of customers. In America, where most things, including unemployment, gangsters, bullion, Hollywood, and tariff walls, are on a grander scale than in this tiny island, the several States enjoy between them no fewer than ten public holidays, not counting Christmas Day and Good Friday, as compared with our paltry four. The full list begins with New Year's Day and ends with the anniversary of the Pilgrim Fathers' first Harvest Thanksgiving, besides commemorating the birthdays of Lincoln and Washington and the day on which Columbus first set eyes on the New

It may, perhaps, be a Good Thing for the citizens of both nations to reflect that though. in spite of our longer history, our own list is shorter, both countries have a common bond and memory in Armistice Day, and that their Labour Day is bound to suggest to us as well as to them the common need, by concerted action or mutual concessions, or both, to reduce the growing volume of unemployment to the lowest possible figure. Tomorrow, when we go back to work, it may help to lessen the shock of "that Monday feeling", none the less trying because it has been postponed for two days, if we bethink ourselves that here and in the United States and the whole of the world to which we all belong there are, on these lines of common ideals and common action, many Good Things to be thankful for and to be done and many Great and inspiring Thoughts to be thought out and carried into speedy action.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Inadequate care for our animals

From Mrs Joanne Bower

Sir, A letter from 14 farm animal welfare groups and individuals, including several vets and farmers, was delivered to John Gummer, minister of agriculture, on December 9 asking for urgent action to ensure: 1. An eight-hour maximum total transport time for animals from the point of sale to ultimate destination for either slaughter or finishing.

2. The retention of the current lairage (resting place) requirements for all animals being sent overseas, in view of Britain's natural sea bound-

3. Regulations for animal transport throughout the EC similar to those already in use in the UK.

These would apply until such time as the detailed amendments to the EC Directive on transport are im-

plemented. On December 10 Mr Gummer announced in the Commons, from January 1, a 15-hour transport time before feeding and watering (no maximum limit to journeys) and an end to a mandatory requirement for animals to be rested at a lairage. On December 16 he also announced a lifting of the ban on the export of animals to Spain for slaughter, which was imposed because of the appalling

conditions in Spanish abattoirs.

As the EC Directive is not yet finalised and member states are allowed to retain their own rules until it is complete, the action of the minister in down-grading our regulations in this way is incomprehensible.

Yours faithfully. JOANNE BOWER (Honorary Secretary), The Farm and Food Society, 4 Willifield Way, NW11. December 18.

From Mr Colin Smith

Sir, There can be few images which more poignantly express the horror of animal experiments than your photograph (December 23) of the macaque monkey undergoing tests before being launched into space in a Bion rocket for a joint Russian-American space biology project, allegedly to monitor the brain's reaction to

weightlessness. While one admires those humans who willingly volunteer for pioneering space-travel exploits, many of us feel only contempt for those who subject other sentient beings to physical and mental torment which they dare not face themselves. Setting aside the moral aspects, experimentation on animals is a crude and unscientific method of research into the human condition and we can but hope that 1993 may herald a new and enlightened age.

Yours faithfully, COLIN SMITH (Secretary-General, International Association against Painful Experiments on Animals), 29 College Place, St Albans, Hertfordshire.

Hospital closures

From Mr D. L. Crosby

Sir, Simon Jenkins ("Suffer the little children". December 16) is right to deplore the unscrupulous tactics used by Barr's in resisting closure. Problems similar to those facing Bart's exist nationwide.

Split-site or duplicated medical specialties as well as outdated inefficient hospitals are common and, as in London, are sustained by selfinterest lobbies, misguided loyalties and weak management by health authorities. Much of the so-called under-funding of the NHS is due to this failure to make better use of

resources. It has long been plain to me that all those who are acutely ill and need admission to hospital are best treated in large, single-site centres which are fully equipped and constantly staffed. Whilst medical teaching and research are vital investments for the future, it is high time that they were organised to fit in with patient care rather than

Yours faithfully, D. L. CROSBY (Consultant Surgeon), University Hospital of Wales, Heath Park, Cardiff.

From Mr Anthony Wieler

Sir, Why not move Bart's to Reds, Guy's to Guildford and St Thomas's to Telford - so that the names are preserved? Only the buildings need be

In sorrow over that, too. Yours sincerely, ANTHONY WIELER, Feathercombe, Hambledon, Nr Godalming, Surrey. December 21.

Life's pilgrimage

From Mr John Raybould

Sir, While changing buses recently in the Aldwych I overheard a rather confused and elderly nun ask the bus conductor how she could get to the Angel.

Yours sincerely JOHN RAYBOULD. The Old Vicarage, High Street, Newport, Saffron Walden, Essex. December 24.

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Debate on the future of the Crown

From Mr Ian Flintoff

Sir, In his cogent analysis of the future of the Crown ("Who should be president of Britain?", December 18) Ludovic Kennedy fails to note that, as words and concepts are modified by history, we do now have (in the strictest sense of the word) a president of Britain (i.e., one who "presides" or sits in the first position), albeit a hereditary one. In the United States, on the other hand, and again in the true sense of the word, a monarch (or

single ruler) is chosen by election.

The question, then, is not whether we should have a president (whether by birth or vote) but what that esident may most usefully do.

What may be most lacking in modern societies is the ballast of considered and unorthodox opinion to temper the flood of media conformity. Our social and individual behaviour -- especially with the young -- is now so indoctrinated by media conformity (in everything from clothes to "relationships") that the most useful role of presidency may be outspoken scepticism and examina-tion of these flood-tide trends that sweep all before them.

For this reason, unrepentant socialist though I am, I think the Prince of Wales has already laid the groundwork for such a future role. By being willing to face down ridicule and derision he has shown that infectious trendiness, though often harmless and entertaining, may not be the best way to sustain and develop social systems or to enhance the social environment.

Yours sincerely IAN FLINTOFF, 22 Chaldon Road, SW6. December 18.

From Mr David Watt

Sir, It may be, sadly, that the world today is in many respects "shrunken and utilitarian", but it need not aiways be so.

The truth is that our monarchy, loved by countless millions of people in this country and around the globe. is almost the only institution which, when allowed some respect and privacy, can time and time again lift us out of this utilitarian world in a way

which the shrunken proposals of Mr Kennedy could never do.

Yours faithfully, DAVID WATT, 14/1 Sandport, King's Landing, Edinburgh 6. December 18.

From Mr R. S. E. Hoy

Sir, For too long we have been doubly affronted; we have endured a monarch when such an anachronism is decades past its sell-by date, and a monarch who is an indifferent example of the species. Why not invite her to stand as one of two candidates for inaugural, elected president?

Yours etc., RICHARD HOY. Coldwells, Bugbrooke Road, Gayton, Northamptonshire. December 18.

From Sir John Stokes

Sir. What a depressing republican article by Ludovic Kennedy. The weird customs" he mentions are loved by most ordinary people and the pageantry of the ceremonies satisfies a human need. Oaths are still taken to the Queen in person, giving a further cohesion to the nation as a whole.

Yours faithfully, JOHN STOKES, Top Barn, Church End. Haddenham, Buckinghamshire. December 18.

From Dr D. Landsborough and Dr J. Landsborough

Sir, In a tribute to his old friend, Dr Albert Schweitzer, the late Sir Clement Chesterman recalls a remark made by Schweitzer in 1955, shortly after he had met the Oueen: How wise you English are ... to conserve the monarchy. Others have thrown it away

to their loss and have got a very inferior substitute. You conserve your ideals and liberties in living flesh. Others have declarations and stone monuments. We agree.

Yours faithfully, DAVID LANDSBOROUGH. JEAN LANDSBOROUGH. 64 Cordrey Gardens, Coulsdon, Surrey. December 19.

Israeli actions

From Sir Frederic Bennett

Sir, It is absurd for Mr Lehrer (letter, December 19) to seek to equate the iniquity of Israel in having expelled several hundred Palestinians from their homeland, in deliance of UN resolutions, international law and The Hague conventions, with the actions taken by Gulf states in sending back to Pakistan a number of the citizens of that country because of involvement in protest demonstrations in Arabia about Hindus destroying a mosque in India, or with the decision of the Egyptians to intern a number of extremist fundamentalist fellow-countrymen. The deported Palestinians were forcefully sent away

from their own homeland. Israel justifies its behaviour as a reaction to the recent kidnap and death of a single Israeli soldier. Yet during an active resistance movement since 1987 (Intifada) against Israel's continuing unlawful occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza strip. 933 Arab men, women and children have been killed, in contrast to only 54 Israelis. Who are the terrorists?

Yours etc. FREDERICK BENNETT, 2 Stone Buildings, Lincoln's 1nn, WC2. December 21.

Space research

From Mr Kenneth W. Gatland Sir, The Royal Academy of Engineer-

ing does a distinct service by calling for a national engineering council to co-ordinate government-funded research and boost industrial innovation. The need for such co-ordination is nowhere more apparent than in the

field of space technology.

Last July British Aerospace Space
Systems stopped work on the Hotol
(horizontal take-off and landing) spaceplane project because of lack of government support. It is vital that this pioneer effort, aimed at reducing substantially the cost of launching

Ewell, Epsom, Surrey. December 16.

10 Brook Mead,

Serving the presidents

From Mr Pierre Salinger

Sir, I read with great interest your article of December 17 on one of my successors. Mr Marlin Fitzwater. very much admire Mr Fitzwater and Martin Fletcher's article was exœllent.

The only trouble is the headline. Mr Fitzwater was not the only press secretary to be appointed by two presidents. I was the first, being appointed by

John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson. When Mr Fitzwater was appointed by George Bush, I wrote him a congratulatory letter and told him that he had now deprived me of my status in The Guinness Book of Records as America's only press secretary for two presidents.

Sincerely yours, PIERRE SALINGER (Senior Editor, Europe); ABC News Intercontinental, 8 Carburton Street, WI. December 23.

From Mr Brian Gordon

Sir, Lord Mayhew's reference (letter, December 23) to Israeli "ethnic deansers" in relation to the Arabs who previously left Palestine is a distortion of history.

The Arabs who left Palestine in 1948 and Israel in 1967 did so of their own accord and were encouraged to do so by the surrounding Arab countries. Since then, the Palestinian problem has continually been exploited by the Arab world as a weapon against Israel.

Never has that been more evident than now as 400 Palestinians are being allowed by their brothers to languish in freezing cold conditions

If Lord Mayhew wishes to cite examples of ethnic cleansing in the Middle East, he should refer to the 30,000 Palestinians who were massacred in Jordan in 1970, the 300,000 who were recently expelled from Kuwait (some dying on the way) and the many thousands who have been slaughtered by the Syrian occupying army in Lebanon.

Yours faithfully, BRIAN GORDON (Vice-Chairman), Likud-Herut Movement of Great Britain. 143-5 Brondesbury Park, NW2. December 23.

satellites and supplying cargo to space

stations, does not run to waste, like so many other British initiatives. On January 1, 1993, the European

Space Agency will begin a three year study programme with Russia which could lay the pathway for a newgeneration space station and a reusable space transportation system. If Britain is to remain in the vanguard of aerospace technology in the next century, it needs to be at the centre of these deliberations. Yours faithfully, KENNETH W. GATLAND,

Dates in mind

From Mr Michael J. Mitchell Sir, My recollections of important

events (letter, December 18) always seem to involve railway stations: Esher station as a schoolboy for the death of George VI (how strange it was to have to sing "God save the Queen" after so many years of the other version) and Waterloo, where President Kennedy's death was announced over the public address system. Also at Waterloo, during the war, there was the announcement "Enemy aircraft overhead, you are advised to take cover." I never go through the station without remembering that

Yours sincerely, MICHAEL J. MITCHELL. 11 Chestnut Terrace, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

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Ambitious plan for Law Courts

From Mr Leolin Price, QC

Sir, Although the Lord Chief Justice has rightly again drawn attention to the shortage of High Court judges (report, December 1, later editions), there is another shortage. In the Supreme Court there are not enough courts, and space for judicial administration is lamentably inadequate. A truly massive initiative is needed to provide additional courts and space in what, for administrative and judicial convenience, must be a substantial extension of the existing, primarily

Victorian, building.
The London School of Economics has accumulated over the years an inconvenient assortment of buildings. Its bid for County Hall failed, but its urgent need for appropriate and

prestigious relocation remains.

The LSE site is conveniently adjacent to the Law Courts. It should be taken over in order to create an ambitious, but long overdue, major

extension of the courts.

This extension could be a great architectural achievement as well as a masterly exercise in good planning and efficiency. Our Victorian ancestors swept aside all obstacles to the building of their new Law Courts. Minor but important, opportunities for extending the courts have already been missed. (For example, the old Bank of England branch next to the courts should have been gleefully

snapped up.)
Of course, Treasury miserliness will have to be overcome; but this project would at once satisfy an urgent need and provide a morale-boosting demonstration that in the 1990s we can afford and can achieve a major new public building, a necessary re-location of the world-famous LSE, and a great embellishment of our capital city.

Yours truly, LEOLIN PRICE, 10 Old Square, Lincoln's Inn, WC2. December 24.

Rev. Green, R.I.P.

From the Reverend Bernard T. Croft

Sir, For once I find myself in disagreement with Philip Howard. Cluedo is not silly but wise to drop the "Rev. Green" ("Vicars are sinking in the social scale if they can't be murder suspects", December 13). In time this may help to rid us of the solecism (an Americanism) of attaching the title Reverend straight onto the surname of the clergyman without a Christian name (or at least initials) intervening.

The Reverend is a title, not a rank. Agatha Christie and Dorothy Sayers were educated writers. So the Reverend Leonard Clements, the Reverend Theodore Venables and the Reverend Simon Goodacre are all correct. Not all priests are vicars, and Father Brown carries the affectionate and useful handle to his name which is given to Roman Catholic priests and some Anglican ones.

Also right are Colonel Mustard, for instance, or Archdeacon Grantley. But who, claiming to be educated, would write or speak of Hon (or even Honourable) Smith?

Yours faithfully, BERNARD T. CROFT, 4 Freeman's Court, Water Lane, York. December 17.

From Mr R. V. Taylor

Sir, Philip Howard need not "journey to the exotic shores of Umberto Eco ... or Ellis Peters" to find a fictional clergyman as murderer. In The Hammer of God, Father Brown uncovers the village vicar, the Reverend and Honourable Wilfred Bohun, as the killer.

Can we now look forward to some dirty deeds by fictional dergywomen? Yours sincerely, R. V. TAYLOR,

14 Waxes Close, Abingdon, Oxfordshire. December 17.

From Mr K. R. Chapman

Sir, In The Crowing Hen by Reginald Davis, published in 1936, the vicar did it. On reading this book at the age of 14 1 was quite shocked by the revelation in the last chapter. Like Mr Howard, I had assumed this to be

The vicar was, of course, quite mad:

so I suppose this made it alright. Yours faithfully. KENNETH CHAPMAN, Pine Platt, Heath Ride, Finchampstead, Nr Wokingham, Berkshire.

Better days ahead

From Mr P. C. R. Whittle

December 17.

Sir. I have an old ashtray on my desk in which I keep paper clips (I don't smoke, and it is a convenient container). I keep it topped up with surplus paper clips from incoming post. Over the last two years the level has fallen slowly.

Recently, however, I have noticed the level has started to rise. Although none of the paper clips are green, this is clearly a sign that the recession is

Yours faithfully, P. C. R. WHITTLE. Smith-Woolley (chartered surveyors), 8 Oxford Street, Woodstock, Oxford December 24.



COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM. NORFOLK

December 27: A Service of Lessons and Carols was held Sandringham Parish Church this morning.

The Duke of York has accepted the appointment as Visitor to the Royal Hospital School. Holbrook.

Birthdays today

Air Commodore Molly Allott, former director, WRAF, 74: Mr Terry Butcher, footballer, 34: Mr W.A. Camps, former master, Pembroke College, Cambridge, 82; Mr D.B. Carr, cricketer, 66; Sir Andrew Maitland-Makgill-Crichton, former vice-chairman, Port of London Authority, 82; Sir Bayard Dill, barrister, 87; Mr T.W. Gould, VC, 78; Mr Max Hastings, editor-in-chief, The Daily Telegraph, 47; Mr Roy Hattersley, MP, 60; Mr Nigel Kennedy, violinist, 36; Mr Michael Marland, educationist, 58; Mrs Frances Morrell, former leader, Frances Morrell, former leader. ILEA, 55; Sir Patrick O'Connor ILEA, 55; Sir Parick O'Connor, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 78; Mr Simon Raven, author and dramatist, 65; Professor E.J. Richards, aeronautical engineer, 78; Mrs Joan Ruddock, MP, 49; Dame Maggie Smith, actress, 58; the Right Rev W.J. Westwood, Bishop of Peterborough, 67; the Hon Geoffrey Wilson, chairman. Hon Geoffrey Wilson, chairman, Delta Group, 63: the Marquess of

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Alexander Keith Johnston, geographer, Penicuik, 1804; Samuel Phillips, journalist, 1814; Thomas Woodrow Wilson, 28th American President 1913-21, Staunton, Virginia, 1856; Pio Baroja y Nessi, novelist, San Sebastian, Spain, 1872; Sir Arthur Eddington, astronomer, Kendal, Cumbria, 1882.

DEATHS: St Francis de Sales, doctor of the church, 1622; Queen Mary II, reigned with King William III 1689-94, London, 1694; Pierre Bayle, philosopher, 1706; Thomas Babington Macaulay, 1st Baron Macaulay, poet, historian and statesman, London, 1859: George Gissing, novelist, St-Jean de Luz, France, 1903; Maurice Ravel, composer, Paris. 1937: Theodore Dreiser, novelist, Holly-wood, 1945; Victor Emmanuel, King of Italy 1900-46, Egypt, 1947; Jack Lovelock, surgeon, Olympic 1500m gold medallist 1936, killed in an accident, New York, 1949; Paul Hindemith, composer. Frankfurst am Main.

The Tay Bridge disaster, 1879. The Peak District was design Britain's first national park, 1950.

Mr Registrar Pimm to be Chief Registrar in Bankruptcy from January 6, in succession to Mr Registrar Dewhurst.

University

news

King's College Appointments Professor Richard Griffiths, Head of the Department of

French, has been appointed Vice-Principal

Dr Manuel Villaverde Cabral to the newly established Prince Henry the Navigator Chair of Portuguese History

Mr John Langdon of King's College School of Medicine and Denustry to the Chair of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Head of the Department of Oral Maxillofacial Surgery.

Dr Alison While to the newly established Chair of Community Nursing Personal chairs

The following have had personal professorships conferred upon them:

Dr Gordon Davies; Professor of Physics; Mr C (Robin) Morse, Professor of Law: Mr Kypros Nicolaides, Professor of Foetal Medicine: Dr Richard Overy, Professor of Modern History; Dr John Price, Professor of Paediatric Respirology: Dr Michael Robb, Professor of Chemistry: Mrs Jane Roberts, Professor of English: Dr Diego Vergani, Professor of Immunology. Readerships

The following have had the title of reader conferred upon them:

Dr Nick Green, chemistry; Mr Andrew Grubb, medical law: Dr Emily Grundy, gerontology; Dr Efraim Karsh, war studies: Dr Mary Mackenzie. philosophy, Dr Malcolm Maden, experimental embryology, Dr Giovanni Mann, physiology, Dr Andrew Pressley, mathematics, Dr Mark Sandler, digital signal processing. Mr John Woolford, English.

The following honorary degrees were conferred on December 7:

Sir Francis McWilliams, Lord Mayor of London and the new Chancellor of City University (Doctor of Civil Law) Eric Ambler, novelist and

screenwriter (Doctor of letters) Professor Stuart M Hall, professor of sociology, The Open University (Doctor of Letters) The Rt Hon Sir Leonard Hoffman, Lord Justice of Appeal (Doctor of Civil Law) R Forrest, chairman, Nat-

(Doctor of Science) Professor Anthony Ledwith, esearch director, Pilkingtons (Doctor of Science) Maxwell Graham Hebditch,

(Doctor of Letters)



Only 362 days left: Joanne Rostrow, an artist with Hallmark, working on the final preparation of Christmas cards for next year. The two teddy bears whose fur is being carefully brushed into place will find themselves classified in the card racks in December 1993 as "cute", a section growing in popularity almost as fast as "nostalgia", the card makers say

Piping

Little to lament as the Scots come down to London

By ANGUS NICOL

THE last of the piping events in the year is that of the Scottish Piping Society of London. It is popularly be-lieved in Scotland that there are no Scots in London, and particularly no Highlanders. You only have to come to London to see how ridiculous that belief is. As much Gaelic is to be heard in London as in Inverness; and the number of pipers who congregate at the Glaziers' Hall each year, and have done so since 1932, give the life to the contention.

The championship is a prestigious one: a number of leading pipers always come down from Scotland. The Bratach Gorm trophy is amongst the most valued of ional Transcommunications awards for piobaireachd, as is the London Medallion for ceol beag. The overall winner of won prizes in two or more of the principal events. Director, Museum of London

There were some good tunes to be heard in the Bratach some good tunes even from

competition, especially in the afternoon. The Bratach itself was won by Jack Lee, with Lord Lovar's Lament. William MacCallum, playing the sec-ond settling The Battle of Auldeam, the same tune that he played in the Glenfiddich Championship, won second prize, the Donald MacKay Trophy. In third place, Pipe-Major Alasdair Gillies played Iain Dall Mackay's famous Lament for Padruig Og Jack Lee, in fifth place, played MacCrimmon, his master, in another enigmatic tune, the erroneous belief that he was dead. Murray Henderson came fourth, with another MacCrimmon tune. Donald Mor's Lament for Donald Duaghal MacKay. In fifth place, Roderick MacLeod played The Old Men of the Shells (Bodaich Dhubha nan

rate a battle at Sligeachan in Skye, or the custom of drink-The Open Piobaireachd competition brought few surprises as to the winners, but Salute. In third place, another former MacGregor winner,

Slige), which may commemo-

P.A. Samoilys, of Kilifi, Kenya, and Jane Stewart, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs D.G.P.

The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mr and Mrs Peter Tellwright, of Market

Drayton, Shropshire, and Caro-line, only daughter of Major and

Mrs Paul Sugden, of Fordham Heath. Essex.

The engagement is announced

between James, younger son of Mrs and Mrs Charles Woosnam,

of Ceinllysgwynne, Builth Wellsand, and Madeleine, only

daughter of Mrs and Mrs Nicho-

las Owen, of Hartley Wintney,

The engagement is announced between David Richard James.

son of the late Wing Commander

and Mrs M.J.B.Young, and Eliza-

Mrs R.P. Boyd James, of East Langton, Leicestershire.

beth Honor, daughter of Mr and

Brown, of Leuchars, Fife.

Mr J.G. Tellwright and Miss C.A. Sugden

Mr J.R. Woosa

Hampshire.

and Miss M.F. Owen

Mr D.R.J. Young and Mrs E.H. Abouseda

those who won no prizes. Roderick MacLeod won the gillies Challenge Cup, playing the Lament for Donald Duaghal MacKay. The sec-ond prize, the J B Robertson By the end of the London Medallion competition, for Trophy, was won by Murray Henderson, with Ronald MacDonald of Morar's Lament. Pipe-Major lain Macey played The End of the Great Bridge, to take third place. Cill Chriosd brought Colin

Scarce of Fishing.
The Highland Club piobaireachd competition is intended for those who wish to retain their amateur status. It was won by Alan MacColl. this year's winner of the MacGregor Memorial prize at Oban, who played The Battle of the Pass of Crieff. In second place, to win the R G Mull, came Corporal Ewen Stewart, with The MacLeods

Madellan fourth prize, and

Graham Mulholiand, played MacDougalis' Gathering.

march, Strathspey and reel, five pipers had collected enough points towards the overall championship that the result hung entirely on the jig competition with which the event ends. The winner of the medallion was Pipe-Major Alasdair Gillies, putting him in the lead together with Roderick MacLeod, who came second, and Murray Henderson who came fourth. William MacCallum, in third place, remained one point behind the overall leaders. As always, there was a large entry for the

jigs. The winner was Roderick MacLeod; William. MacCallum took second prize, and Corporal Gordon Walker third. MacLeod's first prize put him clearly ahead of the other contenders, to win the

1992 London Championship. Foll results: 1. Piobaireachd: Bratach Gorm: 1 Jack Lee; 2, William MacCallum, 3. P/M Alasdair Gillies; 4. Murray Henderson; 5 Roderick MacLeod 2. Piobaireachd: Gillies Challenge Cup: 1. Roderick MacLeod; 2. Murray Henderson; 3. P/M Iain Macey; 4. Colin MacLellan; 5. Jack Lee.

 Piobaireachd: Highland Club Challenge Cup: 1. Allan MacColl;
 Cpl Ewen Stewart; 3. Graham Mulholland.

4. March, Strathspey and Reel: London Medallion: 1. P/M Alasdair Gillies; 2. Roderick Mac-Leod; 3. William MacCallum; 4. Murray Henderson.
5. March, Strathspey and Reel:
Strachan Trophy: 1. Scott Drum-

mond; 2. Sgt Michael Elder, 3. Gavin Walker, 4. Colin 6. March, Strathspey and Reel: Highland Society of London Targe 1. Gordon MacLean, 2.

Allan MacColl; 3. Graham 7. March: J B Robertson Trophy: 1 Jack Lee; 2. Murray Henderson; 3. Col Gordon Walker. 8. Jig: Beaton Cup: 1. Roderick fariand: 7 Wi ham N 3. Cpl Gordon Walker. 9. Gaelic Air and Jig (Under 18): 1

MacLean: 3. Fraser Walker.

RAF College Cranwell

Air Vice-Marshal J M Brook, Director General of Medical Ser-vices (RAF), was the Reviewing Officer at the graduation of six officers of No 144 Initial Officer Training Recourse and 19 officers Training Recourse and 19 officers of No 250 Specialist Entrant and Re-entrant Course from the Royal Air Force College Cranwell on

Graduating officers of No 144 Initial Officer Training Recourse: General Duties Branch - Pilot Acting Pilot Officer P J Farrant General Duties (Ground) Branch-Air Traffic Control: Acting Pilot Officer R Pullin

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Kenneth M Duffy, Bruce C Jenner, C A Smart Medical Technician Branch: Flying Officer P A Sharp

Chaplains' Branch: The Re-(Flight Lieutenant) C Webb Prize Winners The Coire Na Ciste Trophy (for the highest standard in leadership training): Officer Cadet S H Scott

The Daedalus Trophy (for the most progress): Officer Cadet P J The Specialist Entrant Prize (for the best all-round performance): Flight Lieutenant J R Howell MB

Latest wills

The Right Hon Eleanor May, Countess Castle Stewart, of Forest Row, East Sussex, left estate valued at £1,476,348 net. She left the portrait of her father Sir William Orpen to the Solomon R Guggenheim Museum, New

Mr Raymond Shirley Brook Ward, of Portscatho, Truro, Comwall, the emestrian commentato and horse show director, left estate valued at £264,559 net. Mr Thomas William Haime, of Hazel Grove, Greater Manchester,

who died intestate, left estate valued at £1,684,473 net. Mrs Georgia Brown Wigam, of Los Angeles, California, USA, Georgia Brown, the singer and actress, left estate in England and Wales ratued at £23,720.

Mr Courtenay Thomas Gardner Blackmore, of London SW13, former head of administration at Lloyd's, who helped in the creation City of London, and an Hon Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects and chairman of its Architectural Awards Trust, left estate valued at £166,214 net.

Mr Geoffrey Charles Kent, of Hill House, Gonalston, Nottingham-shire, chairman of the Mansfield Brewery and former chairman and chief executive of the Imperial Group, left estate valued at £926,801 net.

Mrs Angela Christine Wightman Raphael, of Warborough, Oxford-shire, wife of Osmond P Raphael, left estate valued at £1,145,523 net. As her husband did not survive her for 30 days she left a specific bequest and half the residue to relatives, and half the residue to charities chosen by her

executor. Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

- E671,659 Mr Arthur Edward Bradley, of £755.511 Heath, Cardiff..... Mr Alfred Caress, of Welwyn Garden City, Hert-£603,345 fortishire. Mr David Richard Forehaw, of Whitchurch, Devon £585,279

Dora Mine Isobel Hardie, of Overson on Dec. Clwyd £651,669 Mr George Francis Marsh Lyster, of Landon SW19, retired invest-

Forthcoming marriages

of Man.

Mr G.B. Cooper and Miss H.L. Lawn The engagement is announced between Giles, son of Mr and Mrs Rupert Cooper, of Edington Pri-Wiltshire and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Lawn, of Casteau, Belgium. Mr A.J. Corlett

and Miss J.A. Cregeen The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs Brian Corlett, of Suiby Gien, Isle of Man, and Julia. elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald Cregeen, of Braddan, Isle

Mr A.M. Cox and Miss J.A. Groves
The engagement is announced between Anthony, only son of Mr and Mrs Harold Cox, of Sedgley, and Janet, only daughter of Mrs Barbara Groves and the late Mr William Groves, of Woherland William (Wolverhampton

Mr S.M.W. Curtis and Miss C.H. Farrant The engagement is announced between Simon Morton Whiteford, son of Mr and Mrs Timothy Curtis, of Johannesburg,

One person of good sense can establish a city, but a tribe of lawless people can lurn it take a desert.

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South Africa, and Caroline Heathcoat, elder daughter of Mr

Mr D.K. Edwards and Miss E.J. Bens

Mr S.W.G. Irwin and Miss F.M. Barbour

Sussex Mr J.S. Kilgou and Miss V.A. Kilpatrick
The engagement is announced

and Mrs David Heathcote Farrant, of Johannesburg, South

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mrs Edwards and the late Mr T.K. Edwards, of Belfast, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.P. Benson, of Southwell,

The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Mr and Mrs T.G. Irwin, of Bramley. Surrey, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A. Barbour, of Furners Green, East

between John, youngest son of Mrs Elizabeth Kilgour and the late John Kilgour, of Lower Largo, File, and Victoria, younger daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs David Kil-patrick, of Kilninver, Argyll.

Mr H. Leung and Miss N.A.A. Carter

The engagement is announced between Henry, son of Dr and Mrs Timothy Leung, of Los Ar-geles, USA, and Nicolle, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs K. Carter, of St Margrets at Cliff,

Dr J.M. Mather and Dr S.D. Roberts The engagement is announced between James McLeod, elder son

of Dr J.S. Mather, and the late Mrs Mather, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, and Sarah Diana, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Roberts of Morfa Nefyn, North Moles. North Wales. and Miss J. Rey

the engagement is announced between Nicholas, triplet son of Mr Joe Roeber, of London, NW8, and Mrs Juliet Camp, of London, NW1, and Juliette, second daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs Johnny Rey, of Rellin Natal South Africa Ballito, Natal, South Africa.

Mr P. Samoilys The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs

Marriages Mr N.J.A. Edgar and Miss A.J. Roe

The marriage took place on Sat-urday December 19, at the Chapel of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, of Mr Nicholas Edgar, eldest son of Mr Nicholas Edgar, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Ashley Edgar, of Linton, Cambridgeshire, and Alexia, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Roe, of Chelsea, London, SW3. The Rev Tom Hiney MC

omicated.

The bride, who was given away
by her father, was attended by
Natalie Tayler-Levy, Alexandra
Taylor-Levy, Henrietta Champion,
Jane Malone and Joe Tarsh, Mr Barnaby Edgar was best man.

A reception was held at Claridge's and the honeymoon is being spent in Paris.
Mr D.P.M. Soares

The marriage took place on December 19, in the Convent Chapel, Mayfield, Sussex, of Dominic, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Soares, and Emma, described the Convention of Porters and Mrs. daughter of Professor and Mrs Christopher Howe.

and Miss E.C. Ho

Nature notes

CANADA geese are flying around in flocks in the morning. Though such large birds. they have a curiously slow. light wingbeat, almost like seagulls. They honk together as they go like a chorus of trumpets. Sparrowhawks are hunting

along the woodland paths: they do not mind frosty weather, since they have a greater chance of picking up a small bird weakened by hunger. Mist also helps them to pounce unseen on a victim they have detected by ear.

Blue tits are feeding mainly in oaks and birches: when it is cold and they fluff their feathers out, a black line appears along their yellow stomach as the dark base of the feathers becomes visible. Great tits come down to the ground to feed, especially where there are still nuts lying under beech



The large leaves, like arrowheads, of the wild arum or cuckoo-pint are already up by damp ditches. In the woods, there are patches of ground ivy leaves. This wild flower is no relation to the real ivy: its heart-shaped leaves are furry and sweet-smelling. On ash trees, the thick ragged bunches of keys or seeds glimmer orange in the winter sunlight.

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BIRTHS FILEY - On 24th December 1992 To Janet and Paul. A daughter Rebocca Lynn. Mir-DEATHS COLLEGWOOD - At hos cardinates Eve. Brigad on Carsonas Eve. engages on Virtual Alexander Carthon, Aged 77. Into 5th Funities, Peractive Regiment and LB.A. Husband of Barbara, Feiner of Robert, Anna. John and Kaite, Grandfisher of tweeve and Great Grandfaller of three and Great Grandfaller of three. Funeral at Church of our Lady of the Assumption. Callington Ca LANGLEY - On December 1992, at her home

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DEATHS POLLARD - Dublin, Ireland on 24th December 1992. All his residence Astrocod Lawn, Condellin, formaties, Lough, Cours Drive, Thomas, Car Farmieight) beloved husband of the late Nora. Deaphy regretted by his loving family and freinds R.I.P. Funeral today, Monday after 10.00m biast, in Condellin, Parish Church, To Palmentitown Ceneday. To Palmentitown Ceneday. AMBON - On Christmas Eve, peacefully in the Algarve Portogal Monica, widow of Jan and mother of Jane. Carol and Ewan.

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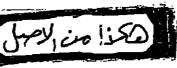
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MONICA DICKENS

Monica Dickens, MBE (Mrs R. O. Stratton), author of a score or more of highly readable and often very funny novels that were read by the million, died in a Reading hospital on Christmas day aged 77. She was born on May 10, 1915.

THE fact that Monica Dickens was a great-granddaughter of Charles Dickens probably did not hinder her rise to become one of the world's most successful fiction writers of her day. Her work, if never in the first rank of literature, had something of his flair for opening windows on parts of the world — the world behind the scenes, the world below stairs, and often the squalid world — that readers liked to look through if they could be persuaded by writing that was attractive enough.

Monica Dickens was a shrewd

reporter with a sense of atmosphere that caused John Betjeman, for instance, to call her "one of the most affectionate and humorous observers of the English scene." She was to develop into a shrewd observer of the New England scene, too, after mov-ing there when she married a US Navy officer, and she was a founder of the Samaritans movement in the

United States. Monica Enid Dickens was educated at St Paul's Girls' School, from which she claimed to have been expelled for throwing her school uniform off Hammersmith bridge into the Thames. A self-confessed "fat, rebellious girl," she had apparently taken exception to the box pleats of the official skirt, which did nothing

for her figure. If it is true, as cynics say, that the sure-fire formula for a best-selling romantic novel is the doctor-nurse relationship, she gave herself a head start by training as a nurse during the war. This led to One Pair of Feet (1942), a loosely autobiographical story, often comic but with a true

feeling for the sadness of hospitals. It was a sequel to her first, dramatically successful, essay in fictionalised biography, One Pair of

Section Water



Hands, an account of her experiences as a freelance "cook general" at the tail end of the cocktail party era between the wars when everybody with middle class pretensions had somebody to do the housework, at least some of the time. First published in 1939, it went through edition after edition, became a set book for school examinations and was still in print

half a century later. One Pair of Hands, although written in the light, gosh-jolly-

The classic Monica Dickens version of the doctor-nurse love story with a mature humour that put it far above pulp fiction — was Thursday Afternoons (1945). The theme, the tragi-comic romantic fantasies of a heroine past the first flush of girlhood, was one she was to return to.

Her nursing training was followed by training as a journalist. This led to My Turn to Make the Tea. which remains possibly the truest picture ever painted of life in the office of a local weekly paper. She had an eye for what was funny, but also what was sordid and petty. (The joke in the title was that since she was the only girl in the office, it was always her turn to make the teal)

For 20 years she wrote a column for Woman's Own, continuing to write it when she went to live in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, after marrying Commander Roy Stratton of the US Navy in 1951. As a columnist she had that rare virtue of not taking herself too seriously, weekly dispensing, in her own words "oceans of facile wisdom."

To Americans she was indulgent ... Oh my, Miss Dickinson," they always seemed to be saying. "So Shakespeare was your uncle..." She followed the obvious course of going on the American lecture circuit. Much of the content of lectures, she admitted, was textbook stuff about her great-grandfather, presented as family secrets. It had never occurred to her to question her grandfather about the great man. But she did remember her grandfather at the grand Christmas assemblies of the dan, giving his impersonations of his father reading from the novels. The family tradition was almost that writing had stopped with Dickens' death. Hence the disapproval in the air when she started out as an author.

In 1970 Monica Dickens moved into children's literature with The House at World's End. including some of her memories of her own, full childhood. (She had it "translated into American" so that children in the United States could read it. The subtle differences of meaning and

nuances of English words in America constantly fascinated her.)

There followed the horsey "Follyfoot" stories, which became a television series. Animals, particularly horses, were one of her passions, a fact that had much to do with the childhood weekends she had spent at a cottage in the Thames Valley where she had kept her own pony. Cobbler's Dream, about cruelty to animals, was one of several books with a serious message. She did her homework diligently. Kate and Emma, about cruelty to children, followed months of observing NSPCC inspectors at work. The Room Upstairs was about the plight of old people. Her interest in the Samaritans

arose from her reporter's curiosity. She interviewed the movement's founder, Chad Varah, and worked alongside him during several spells in London. On this she based *The* Listeners. She went on to open the Boston Samaritans' branch in 1974 and in became the busiest in the world. Her autobiography, An Open Book, appeared in 1978.

Her husband died in 1985 and she then returned to England to live in a secluded Berkshire cottage. This was in no sense a retirement from literary activity. If anything the move seems to have stimulated her creative impulses and in 1988 she published Dear Doctor Lily, her first novel for eight years. Describing experiences in both England and America over a period of 20 years it arose very directly out of the events of her life up to that date, some of which were recent and painful. Roseate nostalgia was never for her and for Enchantment (1989), a novel about a mentally-isolated figure which was suggested to some extent (though she was careful to distance her protagonist from violence) by the psychology which underlay the events of the Hungerford massacre, she went on a survival course. She continued to

produce a book almost yearly until her death and her latest novel. One of the Family is due to be published in the Spring of next year.

She leaves two daughters.

Roehampton yesterday aged 75. He was born in Goodmayes, Essex on August 14, 1917.

BEST known for the schoolboy character Cardew the Cad that he created in the 1940s. Cardew Robinson was a thin, gangling fellow who always managed to retain his popularity with the public. The Cad was a mixture of the "sons" of Harry Tate in an old fashioned music hall sketch entitled Motoring and the pupils of Will Hay in the immortal Fourth Form at St Michael's. It gained fame for its creator first on the radio and variety

Cardew Robinson, the

actor and comedian, died

in hospital at

stage. Later it became a strip cartoon character in children's newspapers both in England and abroad. It was from this strip cartoon that a film, Fun at St Fannys, was made and brought Robinson new

Perhaps the reason for Robinson's continuing prosperity when music hall, variety and radio comedy began to leave us was the fact that he was versatile enough to make the switch to other branches of entertainment with little diffi-

culty.

He tackled all types of roles in the West End and was perhaps most widely acclaimed as the comedy lead King Pellenore in Camelot at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane, during every one of its 650 performances. He also appeared in films and nightdub spots at the same time

that his soppy king was raising

laughs in the theatre. This was the time when he began to write comic material, not only for himself but for contemporaries including Peter Sellers

and Dick Emery:
Away from his most famous character he found time to go straight, making guest appearances on television in Call my Bluff. Celebrity Squares. Who Dunnit? Looks Familiar, The Small World of Samuel Tweet, Quick Draw, Three Two One and The End of the Pier Show. He was a good interviewer, but when he was interviewed he left the comic interrogations (as he did several times with Wogan), to his host.

The long-running Radio 2 show You've got to be Joking was his own creation and was highly popular during its run of five series. He also found time to make several films including *Pirates* for Roman Polanski, Shirley Valentine and A Connecticut Yankee at the Court of King Arthur. An accomplished after dinner speaker he also wrote catchy songs with Roger Whittaker.

including The First Hello, the Last Goodbye. Robinson was a quiet studious man, whose private face belied his public appearance. His hobbies were golf (he was a past captain of the Vaudeville Golfing Society). listening to classical music and studying the ways and history of the

North American Indians. Robinson was married for 25 years to Eileen Kay, a former dancer who now lives in Miami. They had two daughters who also now live in Florida.

INA SOUEZ

Ina Souez, American soprano who appeared with the Glyndebourne Opera regularly before the second world war, died on December 7 in Santa Monica aged 89. She was born Ina Rains in Windsor, Colorado, on June 3, 1903.

INA Souez spent less than 20 years as an operatic soprano. that her voice was declining and switched from opera to comedy, appearing with Spike Jones and his City Slickers. The move brought its financial rewards, too. She adapted well to the zany Spike Jones style and had no objection to having trumpeters pulling pigeons from her large hat while

she was singing. But in Britain she was known mainly for her portrayal of Fiordiligi in the first performance at Glyndebourne in 1934 of Cosi fan tutte. She sang the role for all the seasons up to the outbreak of war and in 1936 added a notable interpretation of Donna Anna. Her singing suggested a strong, well-controlled tone and plenty of dramatic input, allied to a firm command of

Mozartian style. Her guru at Glyndebourne

and it was he who told her later that her voice was beginning to fail. Fortunately the Souez soprano under the Busch tutelage can be heard on the records of the Mozart operas made at the time. Souez could lay claim to be among the first of Glyndebourne's many "discoveries" and the year after her debut there she was at Covent Garden, as Micaëla in Carmen a performance that was described as "clear and musical, joyous, and a thrill to

Ina Souez borrowed her professional name from her grandmother and claimed to be of Cherokee descent. She studied in Denver at the Lamont School of Music. then in Milan with Sofia del Campo. Her debut was in Italy, at

Ivrea as Mimi in 1928. Her London debut was at a Prom concert conducted by Henry Wood. In 1938 she sang in the Verdi Requiem in Stockholm with Fritz Busch. her Glyndebourne mentor. She sang Fiordiligi with the New York Opera Company in 1941 after which her operatic career began to decline. She was a rare example, at the time, of an American soprano whose fame was far greater in Europe than in her own



MAJOR-GENERAL ADRIAN HOPE

Major-General Adrian Price Webley Hope, CB, CBE, deputy master general of the Ordnance in the Ministry of Defence. 1964-66, died on December 12 aged 81. He was born on January 21, 1911.

hockeysticks style of the Thirties, was

nevertheless regarded as a slightly daring book, if only because it was a

daring thing for a girl of her background — she was a pre-war deb — to have ventured through the

green baize door to the servants'

quarters. Sometimes there were par-

ties where there would be somebody

she knew, she would recall: "I had to

hide behind a palm, or keep my head

down as I cruised the crowd with my

tray of Sidecars and White Ladies."

ONE of the most experienced and respected logistic planners in the latter half of the second world war and the first half of the Cold War, Adrian Hope was

prevented by air crash injuries from reaching the Army's most senior ranks. Had he not been badly hurt when Sunderland flying boat crashed in the Johore Strait in 1946, he would almost certainly have reached the Army Council as either the Quartermaster General or Master General of the Ordnance.

The son of Admiral Herbert Hope CB, CVO, DSO, he was educated at Winchester and Sandhurst and was commissioned into the King's Own Scottish Borderers in 1931. He went with the 1st Battalion to Malta and Palestine, becoming its adjutant when they returned to Portsmouth in 1936.

There he was befriended by the then Brigadier Bernard Montgomery, who took him to Palestine in 1938 as staff captain. Montgomery was invalided home in 1939 but Hope was sent to the Staff College in Haifa in 1940. He never returned to regimental duty.

His experience as a logistics planner began when he became deputy assistant quartermaster general in charge of plans at headquarters in Cairo, working for Wavell when the Italians were defeated in Cyrenaica and Mussolini's east African empire was destroyed in 1941.

After Tunis fell in May 1943, Hope

joined Oliver Leese's 30th Corps as assistant quartermaster general for the Sicilian campaign and the invasion of Italy. He clearly established a rapport with Leese, who took over the 8th Army from Montgomery later that year, and went with him to set up a special logistic forward planning team which stayed

Honi Coles

in New York aged 81.

CHARLES (Honi) Coles, virtuoso tap dancer, has died

Lena Horne once said of

Honi Coles that he made

butterflies look clumsy. It was

a fitting tribute to a dancer of

superb technique. He was a courtly man who won a Tony award at the age of 71 for his



together both in Italy and the Far East. A colleague on the team remarked: "If genius lies in taking pains, Adrian was superb: meticulous in detail, hardworking with never a thought for himself and blessed with an exceptional memory. He was a great man to work for as well as being a delightful companion."

At the end of the Burma campaien Hope was promoted Brigadier "Q" in the new Allied land forces headquarters for South East Asia, which moved to Singa-

pore after the Japanese surrender. In March 1946 he was on his way to Tokyo on a special mission to find missing British prisoners of war in Japan. He was taking off from Seletar in a Sunderland when two engines failed on the same side and it turned turtle.

Hope was thrown through a hole in the

fuselage when the plane broke in two. It was some time before he was found drifting helplessly in the water, with a shoulder crushed and an arm shattered.

The momentum of Hope's career was lost. Invalided home, he spent two years in doctors' hands at a time when he should have been commanding his regiment - a vital step in any regular officer's career. Instead he was given command of the Army's administration school during his convalescence and then became an instructor at the new Joint Services Staff College at Latimer in late

By 1951 he was fit enough for overseas service, and was sent out as a deputy quartermaster general in Middle East headquarters during the troubled period of the Abadan crisis, the abrogation of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty and the fall of King Farouk. He was appointed CBE in

Returning to England, he attended the Imperial Defence College in 1954 before going to the War Office in 1955 as Brigadier (Q Operations), just in time to be closely involved in the planning and execution of the aborted Suez operation.

The logistic plan withstood all the buffeting caused by the political and military misjudgments of the Eden government. His success brought him back into the mainstream of military policy-makers, but too late to catch up in the higher command stakes. After a year as brigader in the general staff of the Army in Germany he was at last promoted Major General in 1959.

He held three two-star posts before he retired: Major General Administration in Far East Land Forces in Singapore, 1959-61; director of equipment policy in the War Office, 1961-64; and deputy master general of the Ordnance, 1964-

66. His CB came in 1961. He married Mary (Molly) Elizabeth Partridge in 1958. It was a very happy marriage, but too late for children. She died in 1990.

revival of the 1960s and

1970s. He became president

of the Negro Actors Guild and taught black dance and its

history at Yale, Cornell, Duke

and George Washington universities. He was a master

teacher at tap workshops throughout the US and appeared as a guest artist with the Joffrey Ballet in 1977 and

RICHARD H. ICHORD

Richard H. Ichord, the last chairman of America's notorious Un-American Activities Committee, died of heart failure in Nevada. Missouri, on December 25 aged 66. He was born in Licking, Missouri, on June 27, 1926.

UNDETERRED by the fact that Senator Joseph McCar-thy had given witch-hunting a bad name, Richard Ichord set to with a will to rid the United States of a perceived communist threat when he took up the reins of the Un-American

Activities Committee in 1969. His prime targets were protesters against the war in Vietnam, and he used his position to publish a list of "radical orators" at colleges around the country.

Among those accused were Muhammad Ali, Angela Davis, Abbie Hoffman and Dr Benjamin Spock, and Ichord rejected arguments that he was trying to stifle dissent. When the actress Jane Fonda travelled to North Vietnam at the height of the conflict in Southeast Asia, Ichord responded by introducing a bill

banning travel to countries

with which the United States

was at war. Communism, which he defined rather more broadly than most, was an obsession with Ichord throughout his career. He saw any sort of radical expression as a plot to undermine the Federal gov ernment, and defended himself against charges that he was engaging in McCarthylike smears and witch-hunts. "The kooks of the right and the left say that nobody in Congress should be dealing with such problems, but I think they're wrong," he said in 1974. "The Communist Party in the United States could be a real threat if the country has a recession of the 1930s type."

By that time, in a bid to avoid the stigma attached to its name, the Un-American Activities Committee had already changed its title to the House Internal Security Committee. It had originated in the 1940s when it investigated Algar Hiss and others accused of being communists. In spite of protests by Ichord, who maintained that it was needed to fight terrorism and other activities, the committee was finally disbanded in 1975.

Church news

The Rev Mervyn Jennings, Priest-in-charge. Cressing w Tye Green: to be Vicar, Barkingside. St Francis (Cheimsford).

The Rev Graham Joyce, Assistant Curate, St Catherine, Heald Green: to be Rector, All Saints. Church Lawton (Chester).

The Rev Ken Kitchin: to be Assistant Curate, St Mary. Dalton in Furness (Carlisle). The Rev Sean Loone, Curate, St Alphege. Solihull (Birmingham): to be Head of

Religious Studies, Broms-grove Lower School, Bromsgrove (Worcester). The Rev Eugene Maxey, formerly serving in the American Episcopal Church: to be Assis-

tant Curate, All Saints, Odd Rode (Chester). The Rev Philip Miller, Chaplain to Burrswood Christian Centre for Medical and Spiritual Care, Tunbridge Wells (Rochester): to be Priest-incharge, St Mary's, Combs (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev Gregory Page-Turner, Rector, Askerswell. Loders and Powerstock: to be also Rural Dean of Lyme Bay (Salisbury). The Rev Kenneth Povey, Rec-

tor, St James, Gawsworth: to be also an Honorary Canon of Chester Cathedral (Chester). The Rev Patrick Thompson, Vicar, St Oswald, Norbury: to be Vicar, St Barnabas, Sutton (Southwark).

The Rev Brian Tigwell, Vicar, Devizes St Peter: to be also Rural Dean of Devizes (Salisbury). The Rev Peter Tyson, Assistant Curate, Walsall Team

Ministry: to be Vicar, Walsall St John (The Pleck) (Lichfield). The Rev Paul Welch, Priest-incharge, Clungunford St Cuthbert w Clumbury and Clumton. Bedstone and Hopton Castle: (Hereford): to be Vicar. All Saints, Wellingborough (Peterborough).

The Rev Don Witts, Assistant Curate, and Minister in charge, St Mary and St Peter. Staines (London): to be Churches Officer for Economic and Social Affairs in the Bolton area (Manchester).

The Rev Canon Roger Williams, Rector. Shipston-on-Stour and an Honorary Canon of Coventry Cathedral: already appointed Rector. Lighthorne w Chesterton and Newbold Pacey w Moreton Morrell (Coventry).

Resignations and retirements The Rev Richard Bray, Rector. Tye Green w Netteswell (Chelmsford): to retire as from February 28, 1993.

performance in the Broadway

A disciple of Bill (Bojangles)

Robinson, Coles believed in

dancing up on the toes and

moving naturally. But unlike

Robinson and the Nicholas

Brothers he never achieved

fame in Hollywood musicals.

Instead, he concentrated on

stage and concert work, form-

ing a long-time partnership

musical My One and Only.

The Rev Michael Hancock, Vicar, Culmstock (Exeter): to retire from April 30, 1993. The Rev Peter Powne, Vicar. Netheravon w Fittleton and Enford (Salisbury): to retire from May 18, 1993.

The Rev Jack Reason, Rector, Northlew w Ashbury and Bratton Clovelly w Bratton Germansweek (Exeter): to retire from April 30, 1993.

Withdrawal of acceptance The Rev Mark Bailey, Assistant Curate, Heigham Holy Trinity, Norwich, has withdrawn his acceptance as Team Vicar, Swanage and Studland Team Ministry (Salisbury).

GERMAN EMPEROR AND WATERLOO

with Cholley Atkins, whom he

met while performing with

Cab Calloway's band in 1932.

the "class acts," the tap-danc-

ing pairs who were a feature of

the music-hall and night-club

cabaret scene from the late 1920s to the late 1940s.

in the 1950s, he then became

a major figure in the tap

For ten years out of fashion

The two men were the last of

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.) PARIS, DEC. 27.

Many Englishmen must have hoped that some competent French authority would express an opinion on the Anglo-German controversy to which the Emperor William gave rise last week with regard to the battle of Waterloo. M. Henri Houssaye, of the French Academy, has now done so in a letter to the

Gaulois. M. Houssaye says that the irritation of the English Press would have been comprehenle if the Emperor William had in that it was the Prussians who won the battle of Waterloo, but he knows military history too well not to be aware that the victory was principally due to the admirable tenacity of the English troops, who all of them acced literally on Wellington's order (there is no other order than to fight to the last man). When Zieten's Prussians reached the

battlefield the two armies were exhausted. The arrival of these fresh troops was sufficient to decide the victory. But it was the English who

ON THIS DAY December 28 1903

基本市场域

A week earlier, the German Emperor William II. the Kaiser, had proposed the health of the German Legion which "in conjunction with Blücher and the Prussians at Waterloo, saved the English Army from destruction". A French academician, M. Houssaye, held slightly

up to that moment had kept the victory in

suspense. The result is due to the Prussians, but the glory remains with the English. M. Houssaye then quotes the passage in question of the German Emperor's speech, and observes that nobody ever doubted that without the co-operation of the Prussians the English army would have been routed, thrown back in disorder on the forest of Soignes, and probably annihilated. After recalling some of the incidents of the battle, he says that at Waterloo Napoleon fought two

other oblique. He attacked Wellington in front, while on his right flank he was attacked by Bulow. If he had only had to fight one battle, he would have won it. M. Houssaye proceeds thus:--- "In the German Emperor's toast however. I find a misstatement. It is not true to say that the German Legion' saved the English Army.' Like the Belgians, the contingent of Nassau, and the Brunswick Corps, the German Legion was under the direct orders of Wellington. It contributed bravely and efficaciously to defend the plateau, but it had no decisive action on the issue of the battles. The defence of the farm of La Haye Sainte by Major Baring with nine companies of Hanoverian soldiers deserves, however, to be recalled. He only surrendered that position after having lost 858 men out of 900, while the 42 remaining soldiers had no more cartridges. But the Coldstream Guards defended no less vigorously the farm of Hougoumont, where they fought like demons in the midst of the burning barns. English Prussians, Belgians, Germans, and French all fought that day with the same valour, the same determination, and the same fury. As Wellington said, it was a battle of giants"

bantles simultaneously, one parallel and the

THE TIMES TODAY

Iraqi fighter shot down by US jet

An American warplane shot down an Iraqi MiG fighter after what Bush administration officials described as a grave challenge to an air exclusion zone over southern Iraq.

The MiG was attacked after its pilot ignored an order from a pair of US F16 combat aircraft to retreat north of the 32nd parallel, the boundary marking the "no-fly" zone. One air-toair missile was fired and the plane was hit; another Iraqi jet escaped to the north.

Tories plan rented homes boost

John Major's policy-makers are working on reforms to create a new generation of private landlords as part of a strategy to make more homes readily available near areas with jobs. Tax incentives for institutions that build or buy propoerty to rent are under consideration

Gloomy outlook

More people have had a bad year in 1992 than a good one. particularly the married, middle aged, unemployed and those who live in London and the South East. A much smaller number expect a good year in 1993 than in previous Decembers __Page 1

Hunting for bargains Bargain hunters will throng shopping centres around Britain today as many department stores begin sales that offer a last hope of making up for a disastrous year for retailers. Traffic jams are also expected on many main roads as people return home after Christmas Page I

Abandoning barriers

As the year ends, small bands of businessmen are lighting a chain of beacons across Europe to mark the end of a six-year bonfire of the boundaries and to welcome the easier movement of goods within the EC..... Page 5

Captain murdered

The body of a British sea captain murdered by pirates in the South China Sea has been flown home for burial after Christmas. Captain John Bashforth, 45, was shot in the head after refusing to hand over money...... Page 4

Bosnian gesture

A United Nations official says he is hopeful that 1,500 people could be evacuated from Sarajevo as a goodwill gesture. The Bosnian government's has dis-

missed the plan, put forward by Lord Owen, the European Community peace negotiator, as "ethnic cleansing"....

Inmate charges

The riot at Reading remand centre, which ended on Saturday night, is likely to lead to charges of assault, arson and prison mutiny being brought against 48 immates. An enquiry into the violence has started and prison officers have already assessed the

Concern for the aged The British Medical Association is concerned that elderly people may find it more difficult to obtain specialised hospital treatment as a result of the package of reforms in the National Health

Ayodhya purchase

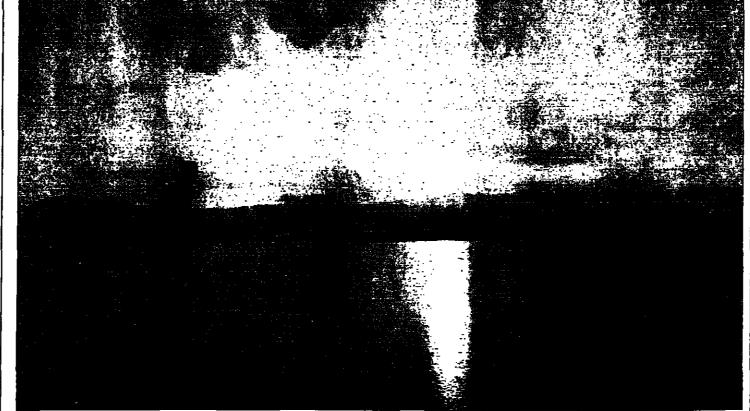
The Indian government has decided to buy the site of the mosque in Ayodhya, destroyed by militant Hindus earlier this month, and to build a mosque and a Hindu temple there. A government statement said that it's aim was "to ensure that the balance of both [Hindu and Muslim] communities is maintained"....

Pressure on Bush

Lawrence Walsh, the special Iran-Contra prosecutor, is planning to issue a subpoena to force President Bush to hand over all the private notes he made in 1986 about the illegal arms-forhostages deal.....

Walking on the wild side

Strange cat-like creatures that have been spotted all over Britain from the Peak District to Bodmin Moor in Cornwall are not visions induced by too much festive sherry, according to zoologists. They say that the animals, which have been widely glimpsed over the past 12 months, are probably pumas and lynxes that have escaped from captivity... Page 4



Deep freeze: a solitary figure stepping out for a walk on the ice at Loch Morlich in Aviemore as the sun begins to rise

outstanding deal of 1992? Who made the biggest blunders? The Times hands out the prizesPage 28 Glimmers: The stockmarket has recovered from the post-election blues and has risen strongly to fresh peaks since "Black Wednesday". The Times looks at the biggest rises and falls... .. Page 26 Share perks: There is more to being a shareholder than cashing

the dividend cheque and turning

up for tea and biscuits at the annual

Playing away: England's cricketers set off for a tour of India and Sri Lanka with their new manager Keith Fletcher. One of the venues has been changed because of recent religious unrest, but there are still six one-day internationals and three Test matches to look forward to in India Pages 15,17

Absent friend: Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, believes his side can now mount a sustained challenge for the Premier League title even in the absence of Bryan Robson, their former England captain. The joint favourites take on in-form Coventry City .. Page 15

On the road: Robert Hamilton-Jones, the first British athlete to be banned for life for failing to provide a specimen for a drugs test, threw down a challenge to athletics authorities by competing in a road race in Cardiff..... Page 16

M-ways/roads M23-M4 ... M25 London Orbital only

National motorways ..

North-west England North-east England

Northern Ireland.

East Anglia

National traffic and roadworks

AA Roadwatch is charged at 36p per minute (cheep rate) and 48p per minute at all other times.

When is rape not rape? "He dragged me over to the fireplace and picked up a heavy brass poker and repeatedly hit me over the head with it." When a man posing as a priest assaulted a woman in Edinburgh she was not only the victim of a particularly vicious crime. What has shocked the public is that her attacker's life sentence

Warm comfort: "Monica Dickens kept me going through those teen and student years when I spent months behind bar counters, waitressing, minding dead-end libraries or copying out figures in a telex record book." Libby Purves on the death of the writer... _ Page 8

Police have launched

a murder enquiry

after the partially

Johanna Young, 14,

near Watton, Norfolk

was found in a pit

clothed body of

Page 3

was reduced to six years Page 8

Score draws: Gérard Depardieu portrays French court composer Marin Marais in Tous les Matins du Monde. But why do such musical cinebiographies almost always resort to stereotype? Page 23 Last orders: Kentish Town's Town & Country Club has been given

Beware low archness: Lynne Truss finds a television biography of Enid Blyton high on whimsy and low on analysis Page 24

notice to quit. Where will discern-

ing rock fans now turn? ... Page 23

More nuts, anyone? The various casts of English National Baller's production of Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker are reviewed on the South Bank. ... Page 24

been Kenya's

elections

Page 16

president for 14

years. Tomorrow the

country will hold its

Face to face: To the world of fashion there is little room for logic. meaning, and no one ever looks back - except for inspiration. So instead of a painful post-mortem of 1992, influential image-makers have been rounded up by lain R.

Cardew Robinson, who died yester-

This is a world where time has little Webb and asked for their predictions for the new year Page 9

Comic loss: Best known for the schoolboy character Cardew the Cad that he created in the 1940s, day, was a gangling fellow who always managed to retain his popularity



Alan "Fluff" Freeman, 65, has presented his last Pick of the Pops after 32 years. But he is not turning off the microphone for good Page 2

The excellent BBC2 institution the bank holiday archive night continues with a tribute to a rival channel. Granada. It should be a diverting four hours. Granada

Jailhouse rocked

The aim of [prison] reform should not be uniform privatisation but a healthy mixed economy in which private and public sector both play a part and competition ekes out stagnation.....

Foxed by argument

Neutrals observing will support that other honourable old English tradition of shouting for the underdog - and wish the old fox a good run for his money. Run, Reynard, ..Page [1-

MATTHEW PARRIS

COLUMNS:

This is my first Christmas eve spent at an abandoned sulphur mine 17,000ft high in a remote corner of southern Bolivia. We are looking for a piece of scrap steel which might hang the offside front springs of a clapped-out Land-Rover back onto the chassis. I only feel exhilarated, for I have just discovered my eighth wonder of the

. Page 10

BERNARD LEVIN

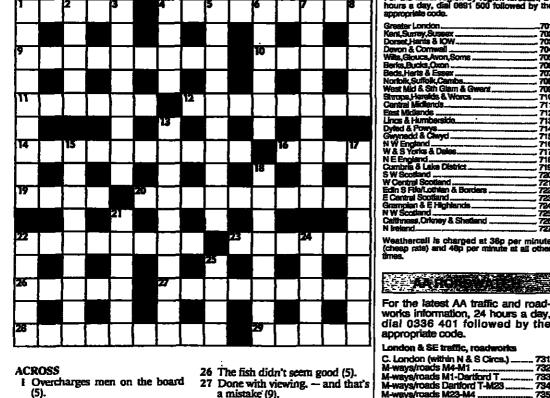
I do not believe that more than a tenth of the libel plaintiffs the courts deal with have any justification whatever, and most of the tenth could and should have been settled over a cup of tea with a mild apology and a shakehand. Moreover, the British libel laws (and usages) are so grotesquely perverted that thimbleriggers from all over the world have been finding or inventing a connection, however obviously fraudulent, with a case in Britain _ Page 10

Readers are concerned by a relaxation in regulations on the treatment of animals in transit, and by the future of the Crown.... Page 11

Some of the homeless, certainly, want nothing more than to enter society's mainstream. But others are far from being downtrodden victims or desperate waifs. Such sentimental views of the homeless ignore what is a central fact: life on the street is more free than life in an institution. It can also bring with it a sense of family that the homeless find it hard to obtain elsewhere

The Sunday Telegraph

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,112



ACROSS

- I Overcharges men on the board
- 4 Inept code-breaker's bluff (9). 9 Stake one pound — one! — on a
- rider (9). 10 Enabled a fellow to discover a fabulous underground stream
- 11 Property in Oriental country (6). 12 Safeguard the small change to save for the future (8).
- 14 Keep fit and hang on (10). 16 Others take some relaxation (4).
- 19 Drugs an animal will swallow quiedy (4). 20 He'll whoop it up - race or belt
- off (10). 22 Practice drill (8).
- 23 Counter work attitude (6).

中 PARKER. ■ DUOFOLD

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,111 will appear next Saturday. The 5 winners will receive a Duofold fountain pen supplied by Parker

- 26 The fish didn't seem good (5). 27 Done with viewing. - and that's a mistake (9).
- 28 Inimitable suit minort (9). 29 Both the Left and Right taker around scoffed afterwards (5).

- Checked about a newspaper lead-2 Over-firm from the very begin
- 3 Moving things if well-written (8). 4 Let fall many a tear (4).
- 5 Top man not favouring a person going fishing (10). 6 Refinement of language (6).
- 7 In winter men think of exequies
- 8 Winning without effort at first -it's all relative (5). 13 The cut includes military person nel, quite a number (10).
- 15 Show with material to take exception to (9). 17 Rock teacher - an awful worrier
- 18 Offer pals poor exchange (8). 21 Stop for a drink (6). 22 Doctors take 22 ac up at this
- piace (5). 24 Anything whatever can be made tough (5). 25 Writers making pounds (4).
- Concise Crossword, page 28

It will be dry with sunshine in most places. Patchy fog will mostly clear in the morning. Northeast England and eastern Scotland will be mainly cloudy but should brighten later. Northern Ireland and western Scotland will become cloudier. It will turn frosty during the evening, especially across England and Wales, with patchy fog. Outlook: dry tomorrow, with frost and fog at first. Rain likely in the North on Wednesday.

James Jonah, a

United Nations

envoy, is visiting

man's land

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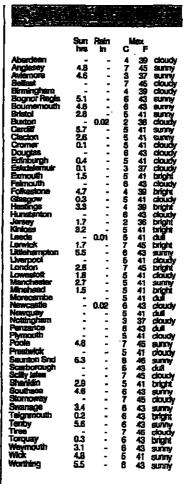
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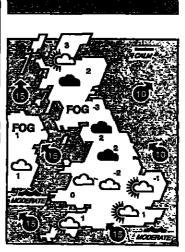
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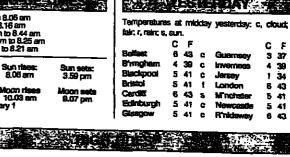
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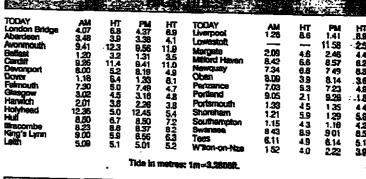


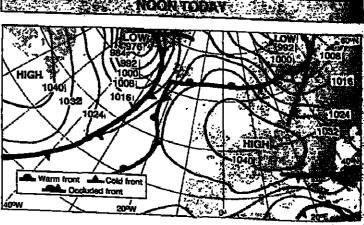


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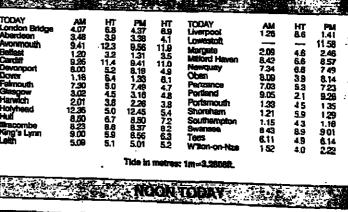
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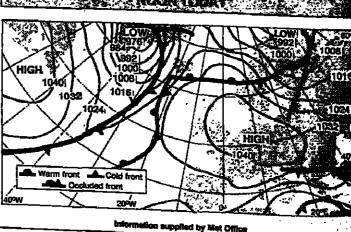






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Gerard Depardieu continuing a film tradition

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Smith's

toe only

concern

By PETER BALL APART from a delay for the northern contingent, who found even limited air traffic did not prevent their flight from Manchester being put back half an hour, there were no last-minute problems as the England touring party reported to their Gatwick hotel last night in preparation for to-day's flight to Delhi. Although the Indian board moved the venue of the match against their President's XI

from Kanpur, where there was serious noting, to Lucknow, doubts about the tour in the wake of disturbances have been put aside. The only fitness concern was Robin Smith, who had been hit on the toe in net practice at Lilleshall. Fears he had broken his toe proved unfounded "He walked into the hotel OK anyway." Keith Fletcher. the manager, said. With three Test matches and six one-day internationals on the ten-week Indian leg of the tour, followed by a Test and two one-day internationals in Sri Lanka, the trip will stamina as much as ability. The players have five days to acclimatise before beginning with a three-day match against Delhi in Faridabad The first batch of three oneday internationals, in Ahmedebad, Jaipur and Chandigarh, begins on Janu-

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Manchester United confident of achieving ambition without risking Robson

Ferguson relishing title challenge

By Stuart Jones AND IAN ROSS

ALEX Ferguson, the manager of Manchester United, yesterday suggested that the final obstacle blocking his club's path to a first league championship in 25 years had been removed: United were, at long last, learning to live without Bryan Robson.

Over the past decade, successive managers of United - and at least one manager of England - have used the absence of Robson as an excuse for inconsistency and poor performances. Ferguson, whose side faces Coventry City at Old Trafford today after moving into third place in the Premier League on Saturday with a 3-3 draw against Sheffield Wednesday, is now confident that United can not only survive, but also prosper without their inspirational

Bryan will obviously still have an important part to play in the second half of the season, but I do not now need

to rush him back after injury." Ferguson said yesterday. "Against Wednesday, we had a number of players who performed superbly in mid-field, particularly Brian Mc-

Clair, he was outstanding. Because of this, I can see no point at all in putting pressure on Bryan." Robson was not considered for the game today because of a groin injury. Today marks the start of the

second half of the Premier League programme, and any of the top 11 teams can still claim to have a chance of the championship. Ferguson knows this is the day United can seize the initiative. Having seen United recover from a three-goal deficit in the final 22 minutes on Saturday, he is unlikely to tamper with his starting line-up.

Coventry's form since the arrival from Newcastle United of Mick Quinn, 30, has been remarkable: they are now seventh after denting Aston Villa's championship hopes with a 3-0 win on Saturday. Quinn's two goals against

PREMIER LEAGUE

Villa took his total to ten in six games for his new club. "Coventry are playing exceptionally well at present and they deserve our respect," Ferguson

Meanwhile, Leeds United. the Football League champions, are now more concerned avoiding relegation. are sixteenth, three

and their visitors today are Norwich City, the leaders of

the Premier League.
"Our reversal in fortune is confusing and amazing," Lee Chapman, the Leeds striker, said after the 3-1 defeat by Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park on Saturday. "It is diffi-cult to put your finger on precisely what has gone wrong because we have basically the same team as we had last

"The players are as concerned as the manager. I think it could be a case of our experiencing the same thing as did Arsenal last season - a dio in domestic form after elimination from the European Cup.

Norwich were eight points clear three weeks ago, but unless they avoid defeat this afternoon, they could lose the place they have held since the end of October.

Journeys to the north have been largely unprofitable for Norwich this season. They

won against Oldham Athletic,

points above a relegation spot, but lost twice in Manchester, were beaten heavily by Liverpool, and were humiliated by

Blackburn Rovers. Leeds, for all their feeble away form, have at least resembled champions in their own home. Norwich, without a goal in their last three fixtures, are in their worst seguence of the season. Even if it is extended, though, their leadership promises to be protected by their East Anglian rivals, Ipswich Town. Norwich can be overtaken only if Blackburn become the first

this season. A potentially more conse-quential fixture completes the programme this evening. Neither Aston Villa, who are the joint favourites for the title with Manchester United, nor Arsenal can readily afford to lose the game which has been selected for live television

team to win at Portman Road

coverage. Ron Atkinson, the Villa manager, described their per-formance at Coventry as "the continue to play like that, we won't be title contenders. We'll

be relegated." Arsenal's need to arrest a decline is even more pressing. Since catapulting themselves a dozen places up the table with six successive victories, they have lost almost all the ground

they had gained. The postponement of the game against Oldham at Boundary Park on Saturday gave Graeme Souness, the manager of Liverpool, time to ponder how he should restructure his side after the 5-1 defeat by Coventry City the previous weekend. They take on Manchester City at Anfield

United escape, page 19

TITLE BETTING .

2-1: Manchester United. 3-1: Aston Villa. 5-1: Blackburn Rovers. 6-1: Arsenal. 8-1: Liverpool. 10-1: Norwich City. 16-1: Chelsea. 40-1: ber bar. [] Odds supplied by Ladibrokes.

World Cup mascot, Bulldog

Bobby. At home and abroad, the FA would find public

sympathy draining away with

the escalation of hooliganism.

modern financial touch, he remained strangely out of date in the belief that football

administration was exclusive-

ly its own affair. This led him

to say, unwisely, that civil law

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Thatcher, a prime minister

unsympathetic to an indis-

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Ted Croker was a friendly

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If Croker had brought the

FA owes much to Croker's forward thinking

TED Croker, who died on Christmas day aged 68, was a man of his time: businesslike and business-orientated. If he helped, in the latter part of the twentieth century, to pull the Football Association finally free from some of its nineteenth-century attitudes. it is arguable whether or not. as secretary from 1973-89, he always pulled that essentially amateur organisation in the right direction.

As a former professional player with Charlton and Headington (subsequently Oxford). Croker knew the game. From his successful Subsequent career with his own engineering company, he brought to the FA the kind of contemporary financial acumen and progressive policies that were urgently required by a body predominantly comprised of Shirefolk and schoolmasters who found it uncomfortable being required to pay the England team manager two or three imes their own salaries.

Football's expenditure was,

progressive policies urgently required by a body comprised of Shire-folk and schoolmasters times their own salaries.

as always since the freeing of wages in 1961, tending to run ahead of income, and Croker necessarily accelerated the trend towards marketing and sponsorship. This inevitably carried criticism and there were occasions when Croker exhibited an uneasy ambivalence in his responsibilities to the socalled show-business end of the game - the senior professional minority - and the vast 40,000-club body of the

amateur game. The difficulty for Croker was the conflicting demand of two spheres playing the same game to the same set of laws but with wholly contrasting motives. While on the one hand, Croker, combining a sharp business sense with an agreeable manner, generated new wealth for the FA. he failed to limit the simulta-



DAVID **MILLER**

Chief Sports Correspondent

neous growth in greed, violence and indiscipline that were, many would say, a natural consequence of the former.

That charge could, of course, equally be levelled against his predecessor. Denis Follows, and the then chairman, Dr Andrew Stephen. The escalation of indiscipline had begun in the late Sixties. If Follows, organiser of the World Cup in 1966, had not grasped the netile of professional misbehaviour so swiftly mirrored all the way to Sunday park football and

the school playground -neither would Croker. Croker's first important impact epitomised his pragma-

tism. Having sat on the international selection committee that ended Sir Alf Ramsey's reign and appointed Don Revie - always a move of doubtful wisdom -Croker collaborated with Revie to introduce the England sponsored-kit contract with Admiral; a deal that would boost FA revenue at the exploitation of the public. The extent to which Croker

could become the figurehead

son as chairman. Thompson, founder of the Amateur Cupwinning Pegasus club, was almost wholly ignorant of professional football but set about being a hands-on chairman, having at the same time an old-fashioned regard for paid employees. Thompson had hugely resented the power base built by Sir Stan-

of English football was limit-ed by the election, three years

after his own appointment, of

Professor Sir Harold Thomp-

occasionally prickly and often Croker played a key role in the sensitive negotiations with Fifa over England's and Argentina's appearance in the World Cup finals of 1982 at the time of the Falklands conflict, yet he had supported

ley Rous when secretary. His

relationship with Croker was

man who for several years made a characteristically couthe provocative English From his successful career in engineering, he brought to the FA the financial acumen and

rageous fight against severe illness. In the fight against the ailments of football, he perhaps did not recognise, in common with fellow administrators, that sport is indivisible from the community: that its survival depends on the tolerance, even the affec-

Wigan given lesson

WIGAN, leaders of the Stones Bitter rugby league champion-ship. suffered their heaviest league defeat for 20 years yesterday when they were trounced 41-6 at St Helens. It was also their first away loss in league and cup for 13 months and meant that St Helens moved back level with them at

the top of the first division. To compound Wigan's misfortune, they lost Martin Offiah after ten minutes through injury and had Kel-

vin Skerrett sent off in the second half. Offiah faces a month off after dislocating his shoulder and, to make matters worse, Andy Platt and Dean Bell, the captain, have suspected broken hands. Wigan had opened the scor-

ing with a a third-minute try by Botica, but St Helens replied with seven tries through Hunte (2), Nickle (2), Joynt, Lyon and Ropati.

Wigan's woes, page 20

The BLAZER SALE.



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Except Broadgate, Fenchurch Street and Canary Wharf.

Banned athlete decides to run the risk

By David Powell ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

IT SHOULD have been just another weekend road race, but the athlete in sixth place at the Cardiff 10k ensured that it wasn't. Robert Hamilton-Jones, the first British athlete to be banned for life for failing to provide a specimen for a drugs test, defied his suspension by racing and challenged the authorities to stop him from competing again.

Hamilton-Jones has spent I 6 months since the ban was imposed trying to have it removed, but the British Athletic Federation (BAF) has stood firm. Frustrated, Hamilton-Jones decided to break jail, as it were, on Saturday. and it was only after he had left Cardiff that Graham Craven, the race organiser, learned the news. "We had no idea, we took his entry in good faith." Craven said.

To minimise the risk of being found out, Hamilton-Jones travelled 150 miles from his Dorset home rather than race on his doorstep, and only

entered on the day.
While the likes of Katrin Krabbe, Butch Reynolds and Jason Livingston have been tied by court and governing body decisions. Hamilton-Jones busted his sentence by using his relative anonymity. "No-one has ever been able to get away with it before because

they are too famous," he said. Reynolds, the 400 metres world record-holder, defied an International Amateur Athletic Federation ban to run in the United States Olympic trials in New Orleans, but had the Court. Hamilton-Jones, 22, a student, has failed twice with appeals to the High Court and has now taken the law into his own hands. The first punch has been thrown: soon, the fight ring will be bigger, he vowed. "I put the challenge down to the athletics authorities of this country - try and stop me," he said "I might do some more road races before the track season. I am not



Sixth sense: Hamilton-Jones with the medal he won in Cardiff on Saturday, when he made a challenge to British athletics authorities

prepared to co-operate any more with this dreadful

The system ruled that because Hamilton-Jones, a county standard runner, had not supplied a specimen for a drugs test after a GRE Cup 5,000 metres race in July last year, he should be banned for life. A BAF policy change put a four-year ceiling on bans for first offences, reducing his punishment

A straw poll taken by The Times at the national six-stage road relay last year indicated club-level support for Hamilton-Jones's stance, which was

due at work and could not stop to provide a sample.

Hamilton-Jones said on Saturday that he could not agree to the BAF's insistence that he must be random-tested three times in the final year of his ban to be free to return in 1995. "To comply would admit a guilt which I don't have." he said. "So, effectively. I am banned for life anyway. Even if they ban me for life for what I am doing, it can't make the situation worse.

"The laws have been broken against me, so I have no scruples about any embarrassment it may cause the authorities. When I crossed the line I thought to myself: 'I'm really glad I've done this'."

The law-breaker is on the

run and, though he may be stopped from time to time. there will always be officials like those at Cardiff who are caught unaware.

There was a delightful irony in the comment of one Bridgend club athlete perusing the results. "Who's this Hamilton-Jones?" Brian Adamson said, noting that it was mostly Bridgend athletes at the sharp end. "Not seen him before. He's probably just visiting. I don't suppose we'll see him again." How right he was. But only Cardiff is safe.

New target for Coghlan

New York: Eamonn Coghlan, the world indoor mile record-holder, will try to become the first 40-year-old to break four minutes for the distance at the Millrose Games on February

Coghlan, who had his fortieth birthday in November, became the only runner to break 3min 50sec indoors when he set the world record 3min 49.78sec at the Meadowlands in 1983. At the Millrose Games, in

Madison Square Garden, where he has won the Wana-

maker Mile a record seven times, Coghlan will compete in the World Masters Mile. The Kenyan, Wilson Waigwa, holds the masters'

indoor record of 4min 13.05sec, set at the 1991 Milirose Games, and the out-door record of 4min 05.39sec, set in 1989. Coghlan has been training very seriously for his record attempt. In his most recent race, on September 13, he clocked 4min 06.64sec in a road mile in Scotland. It was his first mile race for two-anda-half years.(AP)

YACHTING

Interspray suffers similar fate to her unlucky rivals

By BARRY PICKTHALL

PAUL Jeffes and his crew on Interspray are the latest British Steel Challenge round-theworld race team to suffer a broken forestay during the second stage from Rio de Janeiro to Hobart.

Interspray, trailing in eighth place 700 miles behind the leaders, is the sixth yacht to experience almost identical breaks in the lower bottle screw, but, unlike British Steel II, her mast stayed upright. Jeffes reported that no other damage had been sustained. After lashing the stay up, they were continuing towards

A few hours earlier, the container ship, New Zealand Pacific, bound for Cape Horn and Europe carrying 220 gallons of diesel for the disabled British Steel II, finally made its rendezvous with the

"This is the best Christmas present we could have hoped for," the British Steel crewman, Kevin Dufficy, said. "New Zealand Pacific turned north to give us some protection from the high seas and the line was set up between the two vessels on which the 100 cans of diesel came across on a pulley one by one. The whole operation took less than an hour and we now have enough fuel to get us to Chatham Island, one thousand miles away and only 500

miles from our destination, Wellington." Last night, British Steel II, has a small jury rig set but is motor-sailing towards New Zealand at more than seven knots with her crew hopeful of reaching Chatham Island on Thursday and arriving in Wellington to set a new mast on Saturday.

Chinenden's crew on Nuclear Electric have extended their lead over Richani Merriweather's Commercial Union to 69 miles. Nuclear Electric was first across the International Date Line, which reduced Christmas to 112 hours. "Martin Barker who had the night watch off, went to bed on Christmas Eve and woke up 12 hours later to find it was Boxing Day.

Chittenden said. Despite the widening gap between the two yachts, there was no let-up on the pressure to be first into Hobart yesterday. At 1500 GMT, BT's satellite tracking showed Commercial Union to be the faster yacht, sailing a slightly more favourable

"We are still making good progress with a north-north-westerly wind of about 30 knots giving us a lift." Merriweather said. "We will be glad to get away from the Screaming Sixties. Some big waves have been coming over the cockpit and our steering wheel has assumed a slightly different shape after Sue Tight landed on it. Time spent on the helm is down to 30

minutes."

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Gautier extends his lead over de Broc

By Barry Pickthall

ALAIN, Gautier, sailing the 60ft monohull, Bagages Superior, has extended his lead in the Globe Challenge solo race around the world over fellow Frenchman Bertrand de Broc to more than 400 miles after registering a 336-mile run in 24 hours over Christmas.

Gautier had a lucky escape on Boxing day when his yacht came close to running into an iceberg deep in the Roaring Forties, south of the Cape of Good Hope. "It was huge, about 800 metres long," Gautier said. "I have seen six others since and the last one was as big as the first. I am

perature is 12°C. I was very lucky. I was not on my guard. About 1,000 miles astern. the sole British competitor. Alan Wynne Thomas, sailing Cardiff Discovery, dropped back to seventh place yester-day. 37 miles behind Jose Ugarte, of Spain.

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HOCKEY

Cheshire teams edge out rivals

CHESHIRE surpassed Lan-cashire on goal difference to retain the Boxing Day Trophy after the teams had finished right by Capper.

With Grimley and Pidcock level on points in the threematch series at Hightown Northern Club in Crosby, near Liverpool on Saturday (Sydney Friskin writes).

At senior level Lancashire deservedly won 2-0, but the score was not enough to recover the trophy. John Bell, who played for the England Under-18 team last year, scored both goals for Lanca-

shire, the first in the twelfth minute after a centre from the

unable to penetrate Lancashire's rearguard, Bell in-creased the lead midway through the second half after a sequence of defensive errors by Cheshire. Picking up a poor clearance he scored on the left with a flick into the net.

The veterans earlier settled for a 1-1 draw but Cheshire's 4-1 victory in the Under-21 match tipped the scales in

their favour. Jones and Mealor, from a penalty stroke, gave Cheshire a 2-0 lead by half-time. Hughes replied for Lancashire early in the second half, but two goals for Cheshire by Midgeley settled the fate of the match.

Cheshire and Lancashire are in different pools for the county championship in March and have a remote chance of meeting again.

RESULTS: Veterans: Lancashire 1, Cheshire 1, Juniors (under-21): Lancashire 1, Cheshire 4. Seniors: Lancashire 2, Cheshire 0

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Redskins forced to sweat it out

New York: The Washington Redskins, last season's Super Bowl champions, stumbled in their pursuit of a play-off berth on Saturday when they lost 21-20 to the Los Angeles Raiders, thereby opening the door for the Green Bay Packers to advance at their expense.

Vince Evans, the Los Angeles reserve quarterback, found Tim Brown with a three-yard touchdown pass on a fourthdown play with 13 seconds left to lift the visitors to an improbable victory.

A win later yesterday would have put Green Bay in the play-offs but if the Packers, who have won their previous six games, lose to Minnesota, Washington will advance as a wild-card rather than Green

Joe Gibbs, the Washington coach said: "It was a lot of heartache. You got to admire the play of the Raiders. I thought we had it, but that's life in the NFL. Now we have to have help from Minnesota. I'm disappointed. The Redof this year." Jason Buck, the Redskins

skins fell on tough times much

defensive tackle said: "No matter what we do it seems to go wrong. Now we have to root for the Vikings against the Packers." The New Orleans Saints

made sure of hosting their first-round play-off game by defeating the New York Jets 20-0. Sam Mills, of New Orleans, returned a fumble 76 yards for a touchdown.

INBRIEF

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Tennis: Amanda Wainwright,

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winner, Emanuela Sangiorgi,

Rugby league: Jamie Bloem, 21, of South Africa, who was

banned from playing rugby

union in Cape Town, is due to

make his debut for Oldham

against Rochdale Hornets at

Watersheddings tomorrow,

Bloem was barred from play-

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new South African rugby

league side in two internation-

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Baseball: Mark McGwire is

staying with the Oakland Ath-

letics after signing a five year contract worth \$28 million

(£17.5 million). McGwire had

42 home runs last season. second in the major leagues

only to Juan Gonzalez of the

Texas Rangers, who had 43.

He also averaged one homer

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CYCLO-CROSS

Hammond throws down his challenge with style

MALAYSIA'S national sports council is to spend £21.5 ain's world junior cyclo-cross champion, issued a warning yesterday to the professionals million to prepare the country's athletes for the sixteenth he meets in next Sunday's A government grant will national title race at Wolvercover 30 per cent of the hampton, his first race as a amount, with the rest raised privately. Badminton, a regusenior rider (Peter Bryan

He won the Macclesfield Wheelers 14-mile event with a starting style that was described "as fast as a rocket". Only in the first 100 yards was he in second position behind the professional, Nick Craig, with another professional rider. Fred Salmon, in third

The trio dominated the action at the front of the field

ROGER Hammond, Brit- and Hammond, aged 19 and a student at Brunel University. resisted all attempts to be caught, even though he twice crashed on a circuit which had been used for three earlier events.

In the end, the Young Pretender had lapped all but six riders of 60 starters on the 14-mile circuit and finished 1 min 40sec clear of Craig and 2min 29sec ahead of Salmon. "Today's race was a real test before the championship,"

Hammond said. "my tactics were to go hard from the start and see how long I could last. I felt a bit tired towards the end. but I expect so were the

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page CREEPING JESUS

(b) An abject, sycophantic or servile person; one who is hypocritically pious; circa 1818-; R. Campbell, 1934: "The Zulus naturally despise the creeping Jesus type who sucks up to them."

(b) Adjective, also dialect, cheating, thieving, 1884-, perhaps from pike, pick, as in pickpocket; W. Gaddis, 1955; "The Father of his Country was crumpled, folded, and offered in the most piking and meretricious traffic millions of times a day."

(a) Unreliable, unsound, dishonest, Oz slang, also shonkie, 1970, perhaps from shonk, derogatory and offensive slang for a Jew, or British dialect shonk, adjective meaning smart. Australian, Sydney, 1981: "The woman was forthright about the cut-price air fares, "We call these fickets shonky," she said."

(c) Oz slang for an egg, also googie egg and googy, from 1903 onwards, from Scottish dialect goggie child's word for an egg, B. Dickins, 1983; "Two holy egg-cups that once supported by dadd', 's googy egg when he was a tin-lid."

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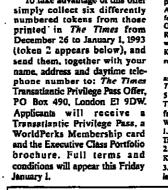
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BRITISH riders just missed a double at the Mechelen World Cup show in Belgium yester-day, with Michael Whitaker winning the Nashuatec Cup on Everest Monsanta and Marie Edgar finishing second on Everest Minka in the Speed Derby. In the former, Tina Cassan, the British Olympic short-listed rider, was first to go with her World Cup

Whitaker, was able to beat her

decade, with a slick behindthe-scenes operation ensuring that the capacity crowd was well entertained. Edgar, going first, set a standard that was only bettered by Philippe Vandoorne, of Belgium, on Oster Carpets Dream.

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Whitaker is triumphant

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EQUESTRIANISM

Malaysia sets up funding Olympia Grand Prix winner,

The Speed Derby was one of

Peter Ball assesses the prospects of the England cricket team, which leaves today for the sub-continent

Hick looks to turn passage to India into Test security

Fletcher's previous trip to India in charge of an England team ended in tears. The series was lost, and at the end of a tetchy, unhappy tour, his brief spell as captain was terminated even though he had refused advances to join an unofficial tour of South

Unless the political situa-tion takes a serious turn for the worse, his first tour as England's new manager, which begins today when the party leaves Gatwick, should have a happier outcome. Whatever the quibbles about Micky Stewart's brand of management, Fletcher has inherited a professional struc-

ture, and, in partnership with his county soulmate, Graham Gooch, his quiet but tactically shrewd approach should enhance the team.

india is no bad place for the new regime to begin. Since Fletcher's unhappy experiences, cricket there has changed dramatic-

With a format of only three Tests and six one-day internationals in India, even the structure of the tour is different from the one Fletcher knew. Traditionalists will not welcome the changes, but at least the one-day internationals will produce results, which all too often are at a premium on India's traditionally low, slow pitches, as Fletcher dis-

covered in 1981-2. The changes have also been reflected on the field. Most people concede that Pakistan are now the strongest team in the world: India are in considerable disarray, as the

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scores from South Africa re-veal only too clearly, while Sri Lanka, who host the party for the final two weeks, are making quiet progress.
Geoffrey Boycott described

India recently as the weakest Test team he'd seen in 28 years. That may be a sweep-ing statement — one or two New Zealand sides spring to mind - but the performances in South Africa, with even Azharuddin and Tendulkar failing to live up to their rankings, and the bowling attack looking limited, suggest that India will be consid-

England than Pakistan were last summer. After the long build-up of training sessions at Lilleshall.

erably less testing for

'I want to make sure that by the time I come back to England I'm one of the first names to be put down in the side for the summer

- Graeme Hick

there is little doubt that ka - in the spin attack. There Fletcher will be leading the best-prepared team to leave these shores, even though the David Gower theory of net practice — avoid if possible received further support when Robin Smith injured his toe in the final session. Certainly, it is hard to see a batting line-up strengthened by the recall of Gatting, and containing Gooch, Smith, Atherton and Stewart, failing

to get among the runs. In other circumstances, the presence of the winter's cause célèbre. Gower, in the press box might have been an

embarrassment to the man agement. Against a limited attack on generally slow pitches, Graeme Hick may at last score a mass of Test runs. He is certainly going out with that in mind.

"If I'm given the chance, I want to make sure that by the time I come back to England I'm one of the first names to be put down in the side for the

summer," he said.
Fletcher will also hope that Neil Fairbrother, who looks happiest when the ball is coming on to the bat, will also establish himself as a Test batsman.

But if the England batting looks sound, the questions about the bowling remain. Much will depend on the

state of the pitches, still something of an unknown factor, but England's ability to win the Test series will depend on the ability of the side to bowl India out twice. For possibly the

first time in memory, England might have the edge in perhaps not Sri Lanare no Bedis or Chan-

the leg spinner, Kumble, is no Mushtaq either.
The decision, though, to take only Salisbury as net howier for the early stages of the tour may be regretted, as he could have provided a useful foil for Tufnell; and Emburey, who was in Fletcher's 1981-2 team, will need to justify his claim that he is still

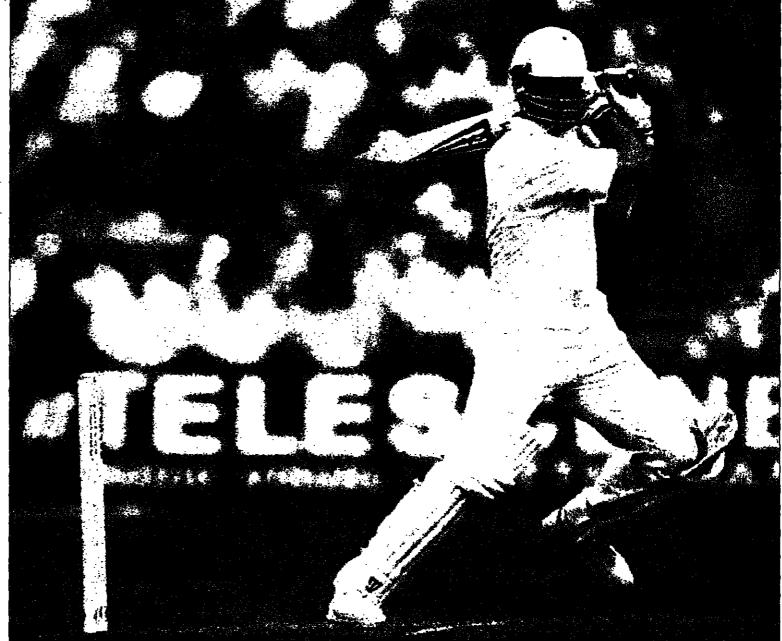
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the best off spinner in the country. If he does, he and Tufnell could prove the key. His last

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Bowling



Profit motive: Hick is hoping to make the most of facing a limited attack on generally slow pitches with the England team in India

Test matches before he went to South Africa did not bode well, but the Middlesex bowler is convinced that he has rediscovered his old verve during his absence. "In the last few Tests, I didn't do myself any favours," he said, "but not having the pressure of playing in Tests has enabled me to get back my loop. I'm bowling with more dip than I had done for a few

"If you loop it, you get more bounce; it's added more to the variety of my bowling, and I've been bowling a wider line too, so I've been getting more

years have not always lived up (or down) to their image, and it is possible that they will be less of a graveyard for seam bowlers than in the past. With David Lawrence and Angus Fraser both still sadly out of action, that area is the un-

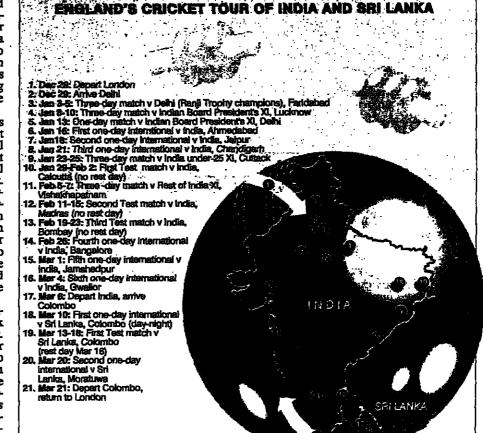
known quantity. That leaves a lot of responsibility on Devon Malcolm. The recall of Jarvis and the blooding of Paul Taylor, a left-armer who swung the ball late, and a lot, towards the end of last season, was not universally approved, but if one comes through to make his mark, it will be a sizable

plus to come out of the tour. Jarvis's fitness suggested that picking him was a considerable risk, but the player insisted at Lilleshall that a change from running to weights had benefited him and that "in the last six weeks of last season, I was bowling as quickly as I have done

since 1989". If he can do so in India, his selection will be justified. But it is not a team to sweep all before it, and any judgment of Fletcher's first tour will have to take that into account.

There is one further, perhaps most crucial, consideration. Important as ability, in morale. As captain, Fletcher allowed the siege mentality to take over to his own, and the side's, detriment as heat and dust and doubts about the umpiring took their toll.

With the amount of travelling involved in the ten-week tour, that is always a threat. But as the 1984-5 team under Gower proved, it is possible to remain positive, rather than succumb. Let us hope that the religious tensions do not surface to throw up problems even more serious than umpiring decisions or accusations of ball-tampering.



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Cronje's progress checked by accuracy of Indian spin

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN PORT ELIZABETH owed much to a second-wicket

stand of 117 in 56 overs

INDIA made slight atonement for a poor batting display with tight spin bowling on the second day of the third Test match here yesterday. South Africa were restricted to 163 for three by the close in reply to India's first innings of

Indian hopes that their batsmen would rediscover application and form proved wishful thinking as almost everyone apart from Azharuddin, the captain, brought about their own downfall with loose strokes. Overall, it was a display to give considerable encouragement to Graham Gooch's England side as they leave London today for the sub-continent.

South Africa, however, were never allowed to cut loose against a depleted Indian attack, which was without Shastri, who was resting a swollen knee. Kumble and Raju gave little away in lengthy spells on a pitch already helping them to turn On a slow day, South Africa between Cronje and Hudson. It was the first century stand of the series. They came together when Wessels suffered his first failure this season. In the second over, before a run was scored, Wessels

played a slower ball from Prabhakar on to his boot and it rebounded into his stumps. This brought a testing examination for Cronje, newly pro-moted to No. 3 and knowing that failure would almost certainly give Cullinan a first cap in the fourth Test in Cape Town in the new year.

Kumble and Raju started

marathon stints after only 12 overs. Hudson was in all sorts of trouble against both slow bowlers and Cronje, without taking any risks, exuded far more confidence. As the partnership developed, the scoring rate went above two an over for the only time when Cronje pulled Kumble for six over square leg.

In the second over after tea the pendulum swung when Raju took two wickets in four balls and effectively ruled out any chance that South Africa would be able to cut loose during the closing period.

Hudson, without moving his feet, pushed down the wrong line and had his off stump clipped. Kirsten, supposedly the best player of spin bowling among the South Africans, edged a catch behind against one that turned far more sharply.

McMillan these days has Botham's old knack of always contributing. Having taken three wickets and held two brilliant slip catches, he now batted with determination. He and Cronje have so far stood firm for 28 overs. Cronje's unbeaten 75 has included a six and seven fours, coming off 256 balls. Cronje rebuffed criticism of

South Africa's slow scoring. That is what Test cricket is about, 150s and big scores," he said. Mike Procter, the South Africa coach, described Cronje's innings as a "couragegus knock". Donald finished with five

first time as South Africa needed a further half-hour first thing to take the last two Indian wickets. ☐ Glamorgan will play five one day games and one three-

wickets in a Test match for the

Phil Neale, the former Worcestershire captain, is set to become only the fifth honorary life member of the club at the county's annual meeting

Inspired Hughes tightens Australia's grip

Mark Waugh and their captain, Allan Border, followed by a devastating spell of fast bowling from Merv Hughes, put Australia in clear control of the second Test match against West Indies here yesterday.

At the close of the second day, West Indies were struggling at 62 for three in reply to Australia's first innings total of

After Border (110) and Waugh (112), who put on 204 for the fifth wicket, had combined to ensure a sizeable Australian first-innings total, Hughes demolished the top of the West Indian batting order with a burst of three wickets for 18 runs in eight overs, sending back Haynes. Simmons and Richardson in short order.

Haynes edged a ball into his stumps in Hughes's first over: Simmons then provided a simple catch for David Boon

lurking at silly mid-on and Richardson, the West Indian captain, provided Hughes with his 150th Test wicket when he forced an edged stroke and the wicketkeeper, Ian Healy, dived to take the

The wickets had cost Hughes only five runs, although there was a hint of doubt about Richardson's dismissal, for dust flew under Healy's gloves as he threw himself at the ball, which some thought might not have

This left West Indies reeling at 33 for three, but Brian Lara and Keith Arthurton prevented any further embarrassments, although the light was far from ideal during the closing overs.

The partnership between Border and Waugh had given the Australian bowlers a solid platform from which to attack. Border's century, only his second Test hundred in over four

applause of the crowd.

in five years, was greeted warmly by a crowd of around 30,000 at the MCG. They gave him an extended stand-ing ovation after he swept a ball from the off spinner, Carl Hooper, to square leg for three to bring up his 25th Test

Border, 37, has been under severe pressure in recent weeks and his position in the Test side was being questioned as he battled with both officialdom and a troublesome hamstring injury. His relief at reaching three figures was obvious, for in an uncharacteristically emotional response he thrust both arms in the air several times to acknowledge his own achievement and the

He eventually fell to Bishop for 110, failing to offer a shot to a delivery which clipped a glove on its way through to the

147 runs short of Sunil Gavaskar's record. His success rather overshad-

owed Mark Waugh's third Test century. The elegant right-hander's innings ended at 112 when he was brilliantly caught by Williams off the bowing of Curtly Ambrose. When the fifth-wicket pair picked up the Australian in-nings at 227 for four they had

to withstand some fiery fast bowling and Waugh was given a life on 71, when Bishop found the edge only to see Williams spill the chance as he opted to dive in front of first slip, where Lara was waiting to take what would have been to him a straightforward

After the partnership had been broken, however, the last five wickets went while 33 runs were scored, only Healy. with a rapid 24, putting up much resistance to the fast bowlers, who were responsible

with four for 91 in 39 overs while Ambrose, the most threatening, finished with three for 71 and Bishop three for 84.

AUSTRALIA: First innings
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TA Healy c Phopper b Walsh
M G Hughes not out
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WEST INDIES: First Innings D I. Haynes b Hughes
P V Simmons c Boon b Hughes
R B Richardson c Healy b Hughes
S C Lara not out
K L T Arthurton not out Total (3 wids) ___ C.L. Hooper, J.C. Adams, †D. Williams, C.E.L. Ambrose, I.R. Bishop and C.A. Welsh to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-28, 3-33.

Wright extends his long Test career

JOHN Wright, who came out of retirement from international cricket to reinforce New Zealand's tour party in Sri Lanka, has been included in the squad for the Test match against Pakistan which starts in Hamilton on Saturday. Wright, 38, will be playing his 80th Test, second only among New Zealanders to Sir Rich-

ard Hadlee, who appeared in

New Zealand collapsed New Zealand were heavily after Crowe was caught in the covers for 28. Crowe, apparently astonished at his dismiss-al, had to be urged by the beaten by Pakistan in the first of three one-day internationals in Wellington on Sanmlay. Set the modest total of 159 to umpire to leave the crease. win, New Zealand had no Brian Aldridge, the first answer to Pakistan's fast bowl-"third umpire" to be used in

ing trio of Wasim Akram, Aqib Javed and Waqar Younis New Zealand, was sealed off in a room high above the ground to settle any controverand were beaten by 50 runs. Wasim returned figures of five sial run-out decisions with the for 19 from nine overs, his best help of television replays. But in this form of the game.

Pakistan had also batted he was not needed.

The second one-day intertentatively against a modest national takes place in Napier today. (Agencies) attack. Ramiz Raja stuttered to 50 in 100 balls and Javed PAKISTAN Miandad faced 94 balls for his

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-117, 3-117. BOWLING: Kapil Day 15-4-28-0; Prabhakar 12-3-37-1; Kumble 30-11-46-0; Raju 28-6-43-2; Tendutar 1-1-0-0. Umphas: D. R. Shepherd (England), R. Koertzen and W Diedericks (South Africa). day match during a tour to Cape Town from April 2 to

Old stagers manage to share spotlight but not glory



Shilton reached ethereal heights. As managers, they have descended to earthly levels, but at 11 o'clock on Saturday morning, as they led out Exeter City and Plymouth Argyle, respectively, for their first West Country derby in eight years, the fallen were mighty

The occasion meant little to the rest of the nation. Indeed, it was of no great import to most Devonians but, for a couple of intoxicating hours, the former Southampton colleagues could imagine that they were back on the biggest of stages, albeit in the lesser of the two St James' Parks.

For once, Exeter's wooden hut of a ground, which is overshadowed by the cathedral, reverberated with as much noise as Newcastle United's home. For Cup-winner's medal and a member of Graham Taylor's coaching staff during the European championship last summer, could wallow in fervent local appreciation.

For once, Shilton, who gained a record 125 caps for England, could reappear in a warm and bright spotlight. For once, their own undiminished exuberance was shared by more than a smattering of onlookers.

The experience touched Ball in particular. After the capacity crowd of 6,534 had departed following Exeter's 2-0 win, he tugged on the familiar flat cap. covering most of the recognisable auburn hair, and expressed an ambition in his characteristic high-pitched voice. "Within a few vears," he said, "I want this place to be regularly filled like that."

Alan Ball and Peter Shilton, take opposite sides in a spirited West Country derby, Stuart Jones reports The prospect is so improbable as to be a dream. His analysis of

The former England and Southampton colleagues,

the heartening second division victory reflected a basic managerial existence. His team has been assembled for a comparative pittance. Only three of his players have been bought and their aggregrate price was £125,000.

As he commended the security of his back four, he paused. "I better not go overboard about them because none of them have been signed for next season yet." The most assured of them. Whiston, was obtained for free from Plymouth two seasons ago.

He and Daniels, his central defensive partner, scored with headers in each half of a performance Ball described as "the best since I came here. But tomorrow we are off up the motorway to Preston and then we go to Stoke. That will bring me down to earth'

The lone, disagreeable blot on the landscape was applied by a linesman. Within the opening quarter of an hour, he ruled out three Exeter goals. Two of the decisions were questionable and, in Ball's view, there was "no way" the other could have been offside.

from the mounting wrath of Exeter's agitated followers by a steep four-foot grassy bank. It looks as though the pitch, when laid, was too wide and the impoverished club was reluctant to discard the excess turf.

If the notion sounds fanciful, consider the manager's response near the end when Plymouth's supporters refused for the third time to return the ball. Irritated, Ball climbed out of his dugout and indicated to the referee the fixture should be concluded because Exeter could not afford such generosity, however seasonal.

Shilton would have been pre-pared to call it off much earlier. As well as wrestling all season with a wretched away record, which features only one win, he is in the middle of an injury crisis. It

his line-up on Christmas day.

Dalton, the most expensive of the assets he has acquired for more than £1 million, rang to say his mother had been rushed to hospital Even though Shilton chose to resume six weeks after damaging a groin, he had only half of his regular representatives.

"It showed, too," he muttered after Plymouth had failed dismally to break a 64-year unproductive sequence at St James' Park. "I hope management doesn't go on like this." For him, even Devon's long-awaited special day was a

EXETER CITY: K Miller; S Hiley, A Cock, A Tongo, S Deniels, P Whiston, D Boiley, T Kelly, S Moront, J Gallon, J Hodge.

PLYMOUTH ARCYLE: P Shilton; K Hal, S Morgan, R Dryden, A Burrows, W Jorec, M Evans (sub: D Adoock.), S Castle, K Nugont, D Narsholl, D Garner

Kelly's contribution keeps Newcastle's ambition on target

Wolverhampton Wndrs.. 1

By LOUISE TAYLOR

AC MILAN and Inter Milan were much talked about on Tyneside last week. Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle United manager, articulated his ambitions that United become the AC of English football, while Sir John Hall, his chairman, was thinking of emulat-

On Saturday, at St James' Park, they struggled to match even their own fine earlyseason form, and were lucky to overcome a limited, physical, Wolverhampton side intent on

Sir John had also disclosed that he was on the verge of offering Keegan a five-year El

TRANMERE Rovers and

Millwall are arguably the first

division's most improved and

attractive teams (Louise Taylor

writes). Second and fourth

respectively, they drew 1-1 at

Prenton Park on Saturday

when an awkward surface

proved no bar to skilful

the more refreshing consider-

ing that Tranmere's principle

outlay has been £250,000 on

John Aldridge 18 months ago, while Millwall have sold

£4 million worth of players

over the past two years.

Honours even at the top

manage England, announced £12 million redevelopment plans for St James' Park and mooted a European midweek league. There is also talk of Newcastle offering £3.3 mil-

lion for Les Ferdinand, the

Queen Park Rangers striker. Heady stuff. But United remain £6 million in debt and although they look certainties for promotion, instant Premier League success next season cannot be taken as read.

The 850 visiting supporters who had taken charter flights north must have thought Wolves could even take all three points when Paul Cook put them ahead in the 33rd minute via a shot from the acutest of angles. He surely intended it as a centre.

Newcastle equalised two minutes before half-time, the ball going in off David Kelly's

Whittingham took his tally

all four of Portsmouth's goals

in the 4-1 win against Bristol

Rovers. More than one Pre-

mier League manager must be wondering if

Whittinghamcould score as

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thigh after Jones failed to hold O'Brien's shot.

Isolated up front, nobody worked harder than Steve Bull, the former England striker, but he must rue the moment when, with only Srnicek to beat, he allowed the goalkeeper to block.

Ten minutes later, in the 56th. Kelly's right foot connected with Scott's long pass and the forward volleyed home from just outside the area to give Newcastle a 12point lead at the top of the first

It was Kelly's fourteenth goal of the season but Keegan subsequently said he was scouring the country for two new strikers. The manager's refusal to scotch the Ferdinand rumours indicated that. despite the £6 million debt. banks are prepared to lend to Sir John, who hopes to erase the original arrears after five years in the Premier League.

Such a forecast rests on the assumption that United -Derby County's attempt to who do not own their ground record an eighth successive away win in the league foun-- will continue to prosper on the pitch. Interest rates, new dered at Brentford, where signings and ground improve-Arthur Cox's erratic team lost ments will involve Newcastle 2-1, but Guy Whittingham's in loan renayments alone of more than £1 million a year. bid to become the division's leading scorer was boosted at Then again, for a club

aiming to emulate AC Milan, these figures may be small

NEWCASTLE UNITED: P Smicel; B Venison, A Neilson, L O'Brien, K Scott, S Howey, R Lee, G Peacook, D Kety, L Clark, K Sheady WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS: P Jones; K Achley, P Edwards, M Brit, D Mountified (sub: P Blacker; sub: A Much), L Madden, M Rankina, P Cook, S Bull, K Draeners M Venue.



Stretching a point: Dicks, the West Ham goalscorer, loses momentary control as he pulls clear of the Charlton defence during the 1-1 draw at The Valley on Saturday

Regis allows Stoke to maintain their impressive record

Stoke City....

By RUSSRIL KEMPSON

LOU Macari, the Stoke City manager, prefers to let his side's statistics tell the story: 17 league games unbeaten, 13 wins and 37 goals in 21

matches, just two defeats.

Macari deals in what has been, not what might have been. "A lot of managers hardly win a game and yet tell everyone they are playing well and doing well," he said. 'Look at your record; that's

Stoke increased their lead at the top of the second division to seven points at Elm Park on Saturday. A more ruthless streak in front of goal would have quadrupled the margin of victory and avoided the palpitations caused by Reading's vigorous, yet fruitless,

Though lacking an outstanding individual, Macari has built an articulate and well-organised unit that should earn a place in the first division long before May. Consistency and character are all important in the middle reaches of the Football League and Stoke have them in abundance.

Reading, now in sixteenth lace, face a far less appetising few months. A lucrative FA Cup run that resumes against cannot disguise their frailties. They perform prettily when allowed to, but a soft centre is swiftly and frequently exposed when the opposition bares its

GUY WHITTINGHAM'S four goals lengthened his lead to 27 goals, five more than his nearest rival, Alan Shearer, who begged a brace against Leads. Altendances were typically high for the Christmas period, up by 48 per cent in the second division on last

GOALSCORERS

Weekend statistics

another forward but we've got no scouting system to talk of so I have to go around looking at

everyone myself," Mark McGhee, the Reading manager, said. Stoke bristled with early endeavour as Beeston, Overson and Stein forced good saves from Francis. Regis made the breakthrough in the 36th minute, rilling in a low drive after Richardson had miskicked and Francis had stopped Stein's snap shot. Lambert, 19, who impressed on a recent two-day

trial with AS Monaco, helped launch Reading's revival in the second half as Stoke became increasingly unnerved by his ability to weave a path through the most congested

West Bromwich Albion moved into second position behind Stoke after disposing of lowly Chester City 2-0, Raven scoring both goals. while Leyton Orient were denied victory for only the second time at home this season in their goalless game with

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In the third division, York City edged a point clear of Barnet at the top by drawing 3-3 with Cardiff City. York trailed 3-0 at half-time, but two goals from Blackstone and one from Barnes in a nineminute spell completed a stirring recovery. Walsali jumped into third place with a 1-0 victory at Torquay United,

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READING: S Francs, S Richerdson (sub. M
Gooding). J Hopkins, K McPherson, A
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Moody, J Lambert, T Jones (subt S Lovell).
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Referes: Keith Cooper (Pontypridd).

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES Third division (1) 1 GRIL RIGHAM GRID 156 Smith 56 (O) Q (2) 2 WIMBLEDON (0) 0 MANCHESTER (0) 0 TOTTENHAMA (0) 3 MANCHESTER U (0) 3 MANCHESTER U (0) 3 MACClar 67: 80 Cardona 84 (2) 2 SCUNTHORPE (0) 0 3.043 ROCHDALE Watehali 30 (1) 1 Flounders TORICEIAY 3,010 (D) O POSTPONED. Nottingham Forest v CIPR. Oldham v Liverpool

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HIPS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier di-vision: Accrington Stanley 6, Emiley 1; Barrow 2, Fleetwood 0; Bishop Auck-land 1, Goole 1; Mossley 0, Droylschen 1; Southport 0, Marine 0, First division: Lancaster City 0, Greina 0; Knowsley 3, Ashton United 2; Rossendale 0, Great Harwood 4.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury 3, St Albans 2: Bromley 2, Dulwich 2: Carshalton 2, Sutton United 1, Enfield 1, Stevenage Borough 0; Grays 2, Wivenhoe 1; Harrow 1, Hendon 1; Hayes 0, Yeading 0: Kingstonlan 3, Staines 1; Marlow 1, Chesham 4, Windsor and Eton 1, Wokingham 2: First division: Abingdon Town 0, Mexicenhead 0; Aveley 1, Leyton 3; Barking 0, Purfleet 2; Billericay 2; Heybridge Swifts 1; Boreham Wood 0, Hitchis 1; Chaltont St Peter 0, Usbridge 1, Lewes 1, Dorking 1; Molesey 2, Watton and Hershem 0; Tooling and Metcham 6, Croydon 0 Second division: Berton 3, Ware 2; Berkhamsted 1, Hernel Hempstead 3; Egham 1, Chertsey 2, Hungerford 1.

Newbury 0: Maidan Vale 1, Hampton 1; Rainham Town 1, Tibury 3; Ruistip Manor 3, Edgwara 1; Saffron Walden 3, Witham 0: Worthing 3, Leatherhead 1 Third division: Aldershot Town 2, Feltham and Hounslow 0; Bracknell 3, Camberley 3; Clapbon 1, East Thurnock 2; Collier Row 0, Homchurch 0; Cove 1, Petersfield 1; Flactwell Heath 1, Thame 1; Horsham 2, Epsom and Ewell 1; Leighton 2, Tring 2; Northwood 3, Kingsbury 2; Royston 1, Hertford 2. NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division:

Chester Le Street 0, Durham City 2; Hebburn 0, Brandon 1, Murton 1, West Auckland 0; Petertee Newtown 1 Stock-ton 2; South Bank 2, Fernythil Athlette 1, Tow Law 1, Northalterton 0 (abandoned 50 mins - tog), Whitby 0, Gussborough 2. NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Ossett Town 2, Thackley 0. BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bambar Bridge 2. Darwen 1; Burscough 1,

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Celtic pin hopes on cup success

CELTICS year ended on Saturday in much the same manner that it started - with successive defeats that have put any ambitions of league championship success far out of reach. Indeed, despite some assiduous spending on the transfer market. Celtic are actually worse off than after the same number of games last season.

They stumbled into 1992 with consecutive defeats against Rangers and Heart of Midlothian. They have ended the year by losing to Hearts and Dundee United. Duncan Ferguson's goal at Parkhead left Celtic in third place with 30 points from their 24. games, two fewer than they accumulated from the corresponding number of matches in 1991.

They are third in the league - the same as last year - but trail Rangers, their fiercest rivals and opponents next Saturday, by eight points and Aberdeen by four.
Liam Brady, the Celtic manager, yesterday admitted that

winning the league is now out of the question: "We realise it will be really difficult in terms of the championship," he said on Saturday. "We must pick ourselves up. First, there is the Rangers match and then the start of the Scottish Cup. I have told the boys to concentrate on the sort of football we played before half-time but with more penetration."

Now, more than ever, the championship appears to be a --two-horse race. Aberdeen, who dismissed Motherwell 2-0, extended their unbeaten run to 12 league games. In the second half Brian Irvine and Scott Booth scored goals: which kept Abordoen on a roll. while inconsistent Hearts slipped again at home. The Partick Thistle forward, Gerry Britton, scored his ninth goal of the season to earn a 1-1.

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Premier League front-runners continue to make right impression in exciting draw with Tottenham

Norwich leading by example as they get back on course

Tottenham Hotspur......0

BY DAVID MILLER

WHAT a civil football club is Norwich City, symptomatic of patient, caring Norfolk people. Where else would you find the club chairman out in the car park beforehand. checking there was a place for a visitor on crutches? Where else do you meet such courtesy from the manager, Mike Walker, explaining for the benefit of the media — and thereby the paying public — what was the strategy behind his team changes, and the of Sutch and

Norwich, Premier League leaders, achieved what they so urgently needed after two successive defeats: a point, and the reassurance that they stand where they do on merit. They go today to face the champions last season. Leeds United, knowing that five times in the past ten years the Christmas leaders have won the title. I hope they do, too.

As goalless draws go, this was one of the best. On chances, it might have been 7-5 to Norwich, yet Tottenham departed feeling themselves unlucky not to have won, so appealingly subjective is the game. They had had the ball in the net, a stealthy free kick by Ruddock on the hour while the referee was still entangled in Norwich's defensive wall in the attempt habitually farcical - to establish the statutory ten-yard

At that moment, sympathy was with Spurs, who missed

Austin, judo-style, pulled Fox off the ball by the neck, leaving the unmistakable evidence of gouged turf a yard inside the penalty area. Verdict? A free

kick on the line. There might, too, many of us thought, have been another penalty for Norwich five minutes into the second half. Fox. fulfilling his name throughout the match as he ran wild against Tottenham's hen-like full backs, slipped the ball to Sution. Walker's unexpected replacement for Beckford. Sut-ton rounded Thorstvedt, unquestionably the man of the match, only to have his left foot caught by Thorstvedt's de-spairing left arm — not malev-olently, but a foul nonetheless - which caused him to lose

Thorstvedt's performance was crucial to Spurs' survival. His handling was steady and he made at least four outstanding saves during Norwich's repeated spells of ascendancy. Spurs, languishing in mid-

control

table, are a contradiction. They can be as mean-spirited as the next, given the encouragement of, say, Arsenal, and having in their defence that pillar of physical over-commitment, the iron-thighed Ruddock; alternatively, the prospect of a footballing team such as Norwich brings to the fore the skills of Samways, Allen, Barmby (replacing Durie) and Sheringham.

On Saturday we saw a bit of both. Tottenham's midfield quartet of Howells, Samways, Anderton and Allen had the best of the early spell and were close to scoring when Bowen cleared off the line. Barmby's spirited running was pulling Norwich's rearguard — New-

man deputising for the in-jured Butterworth — out of

Now Norwich took charge. recapturing the crisp interpassing that deserted them against Ipswich, and for the next 50 minutes seemed destined to win, Megson and Crook wresting midfield control, Fox and Phillips running like the wind on the flanks.

Midway through the second half, Ruddock revived Spurs, after his disallowed free kick. Setting Allen free on the right, Ruddock kept going on a run towards the far post, and was there to meet Allen's away-swinging early centre. Rud-dock headed fiercely downwards past Gunn. only to see the ball leap up over the

Samways had two fierce drives that flew close; at the other end. Sutton. Fox and Phillips had shots blocked. It was anybody's match to the

"Now we've got a name for playing football," Walker reflected, "teams come here to stop us. So we have to work at other ways of breaking them down. We have to dig in. We're still learning every

He's the sort of manager you would like to play for, so Sutch and Beckford should not mind being dropped, allowing the renewal of the early-season midfield parmership of Crook and Megson, the latter's bite proving valuable.

NORWICH CITY: B Gunn: I Cuiverticuse, M Bowen, R Neiwman, J Poliston, G Megson, I Crook, C Sutton, M Robins, R Fox, D Philips. TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: E Thorsvett, D Austin, J Edinburgh, V Semways, G Mesboutt, N Ruckiock, D Howels, N Barmby (aub: P Moran), D Anderton, E Sheringham, P Allen.



Ahead of the rest: Sutton climbs highest to win the ball for Norwich City at Carrow Road on Saturday

Late rally fails to satisfy Ferguson

Sheffield Wednesday 3 Manchester United......3

By Nicholas Harling

IT SAYS much for the parsimonious tendencies peculiar to Scots that the first emotion expressed by Alex Ferguson after Saturday's game at Hillshorough should be one of disappointment. When most managers would have shouted their relief from the rooftops of Sheffield at gaining a point where none seemed plausible, Manchester United's was feeling frustrated.

United's spectacular comeback in the space of 15 minutes from three goals down sealed a glorious match, which was the echo of Boxing days past. Yet Ferguson felt United should have gone on to win after Cantona struck the equaliser six minutes from time, "I thought we could have

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finished it off," he said. Sheffield took a 2-0 lead in six minutes through Hirst's low drive after Ince's hashed clearance and Bright's shortrange stab after Hirst had nodded back Waddle's cross. Waddle's first-half perforHe delivered an endless supply of crosses to the far post where Francis considered that United were weakest. Sharpe's contribution for United after the interval was just as telling but he was not to make a significant impact until Hirst

ed winger, failed to last the match and was substituted connect at the second attempt. for the equaliser.

SHEPFIELD WEDNESDAY: C Woods; R Nisson, N Worthington, C Palmer, V Anderson, P Shritiff, D Wilson (sub. J Harles), C Waddle, D Hirst, M Bright, J Shanrian

Highbury left hungry by Ipswich's starvation diet

Ipswich Town.....

By KEITH PIKE

TAKE a side which has forgothow to score, add one which makes precious little effort to, remove the finesse and simmer in a frenetic atmosphere. It is a recipe for undiluted frustration, served before a Highbury crowd hungry for a Boxing day treat.

Arsenal, at least, did their muscular best, attacking almost ceaselessly as Ipswich retreated before them. Their best, though, is just not good enough to win games these days; one goal in six matches represents emergency rations for arguably the Premier League's most potent strike

We created a lot of very good chances but could not finish them off," George Graham, the Arsenal manager, said. True enough, but unless Graham is prepared to alter the ingredients. Arsenal can expect to be starved of their third title in five years.

Anders Limpar, perhaps the one Arsenal player with the pace and trickery to unnerve confident and combative defenders, was given just 14 minutes to pick the locks Wark and company had fixed on fortress Ipswich. Sadly, but predictably, he failed. By the time he was introduced, John Lvall's team. beaten only twice in 26 games this season, was entrenched

in its siege mentality. Ipswich simply left Kiwomya to plough a lone furrow up front and invited Arsenal to break them down. Inordinate delays at every free kick and throw-in merely added to the home support-

ers' sense of injustice. "If everybody starts playing that way we are going to have a lot of boring games," Graham said. "I think these teams realise they are not going to win the championship, but if you pack the defence you can get some

Arsenal hardly helped themselves, too often relying on Campbell's physique or the high ball to Smith. They looked more dangerous when Flatts or Wright ran at the defence, and might have scored four times within a hectic five-minute spell around the half-hour mark.

The best chances fell to Campbell, who dragged his shot wide of the far post, and Smith, who headed over Baker's crossbar with the goal-keeper stranded. Wright, having burst into space, then watched disbelievingly as his

shot beat Baker and rebounded, bizarrely, to safety off the nside of a post. Baker perhaps deserved his

good fortune. His acrobatic Winterburn's long-range et else No joy: Stuart missed an fort was memorable; his in-easy header, Donaghy's shot stinctive save from Bould's was deflected wide.
point-blank volley, early in the
second half, remarkable. Ipswich then ran down the clock.

Saux was brought off, Newton And to think Arsenal used to be accused of killing matches.

ARSENAL: D. Seamen: P. Lydersen, N. Winterburn, D. Hilber, S. Bould, A. Linghan, J. Jenesn (sub: D. O'Leary), I. Wingh, A. Smith, K. Campbell (sub: D. Limper), M. Pettis. IPSWICH TOWN: C. Baker: G. Johnson, N. Thompspn, M. Stockwell, J. Wark, D. Linghan, G. Witterts, P. Goddard (sub: B. Guentchev): S. Whitton (sub: P. Whelan), J. Dozzel, C. Kwacmye, Referee: R. Millord.

Shearer raises Blackburn to second place

cross allowed the striker to The decline of Leeds United is likely to precipitate the departure of McAllister, the club captain. McAllister, who celebrated his 28th birthday at the weekend, will be offered the chance to join Paris St Germain when his present contact expires at the end of

☐ Brian Doyle, the former Manchester City and Stoke City player, has died, aged 62.

Home attendance

Le Saux's stormy exit spoils fightback

Southampton

By PETER ROBINSON

BOXING day came early at Stamford Bridge: unfortunately, too early for Chelsea. The midday kick-off seemed to catch the London side's players with their thoughts still idling down the Kings Road and by the time they realised where they were, they were a

They came back, in the end, to preserve one of the most consistent records in the Premier League, but this was not a performance to impress the neutral. There have been much better in their run of ten league matches with just one defeat.

Southampton did not help, of course. Once one of the most attractive of teams, they are now one of the most "competitive", or ordinary, de-pending on whether you support them or not. Chelsea's failure to impose their worthy football on a side intent on single-minded defence was a

big disappointment.

Fittingly, for Boxing day, the game turned on a couple of sucker punches. Southampton landed the first after just three minutes as Chelsea slipped in defence. Groves's cross was allowed to drift over a packed penalty area to Dowie, unmarked at the far post, who happily jabbed his shot past Hitchcock

That, though, was the only sign of seasonal generosity in the first half. Southampton defended their lead as fiercely as they knew how. Chelsea. fighting fire with fire, were unable to turn their ample possession into an equaliser.

It must have been frustrating viewing for their manager, lan Porterfield, and certainly he spent most of the second half rearranging his team until, by trial and elimination, he hit on a system that worked

First, Wise was switched from midfield to the right wing, Stuart taking a central role. Things improved but as chances came, they also went begging. Fleck, the biggest culprit, was brought off - to his evident disgust - and leap to palm away Porterfield tried something

moved up front and though the move worked perfectly --Newton levelled with two minutes left as Southampton finally dropped their guard — the finale was overshadowed by Le Saux's controversial exit.

The young winger was furious. Called to the bench, he took off his shirt, threw it theatrically to the ground, picked it up again and launched it at the back of the dugout. Then, still shirtless, he stomped off down the tunnel. It was not the sort of thing that pleases managers and Porterfield soberly promised action would follow. A frustrating afternoon for the promising youngster ended. almost certainly, in a heavy festive fine.

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CHELSEA K Hatchcock, G Hall, F Sunciak, A Townsend, D Lee, M Donaghy, G Shuart.
R Flock (eub.: J Spencer), G Le Seux (sub. C Suurley, F Newton, D Wise.
SOUTHAMPTON: T Flowers, J Kenna, M Adams, T Hurlock, R Hall, K Monkou, M is Tissier, P Groves (sub. J Dodd), I Dower, N Maddison, F Bendii Referee: A Gurm.

had knocked down Nilsson's cross for Sheridan to bag Wednesday's third goal. "Sharpe started to get into areas where Wednesday were not doing anything about it," Ferguson said. Giggs, United's more cover-

after Sharpe had provided the right-wing cross from which McClair headed United's first goal after 67 minutes. "Once we got a sniff, we went for it," Ferguson said, and so United did, with McClair heading their second from a left-wing cross by Sharpe. From the same flank Sharpe's next cross found Cantona sliding in to

Hartes), C. Waddel, D. Hirst, M. Bright, S. Shendan, MANCHESTER UNITED: P Softmerchal, P. Parker, D. Itwin, S. Bruce, L. Sharpe, G. Pallister, E. Cantone, P. Ince, B. McClair, M. Hughas, R. Gugga (sub.) A Kanchelskei. Referes: A. N. Bulsh.

mance had been magnificent. Everton's generosity gives too much away

Middlesbrough.....2

By Ian Ross

HOWARD Kendall, the Everion manager, has suggested that the line between success and failure was at its narrowest at Goodison Park. On Saturday, the Merseyside club's supporters must have left wondering if he was not right on the mark.

Kendall's comments should be regarded as nothing more than a reaffirmation of faith in a side that continues to disappoint. Working within the confines of a seemingly inflexible financial framework, Kendall has constructed a team which, while unlikely to claim honours, should at least be capable of treading water until an opportunity for squad strengthening arises. But, sadly, too many of Everton's players are falling

short of required standards. On Saturday, for long periods, their supporters must have felt like a child whose most cherished Christmas present lay inactive for want of batteries, such was Everton's failure to add a decisive flourish to promising moves.

If Everton's problem was creating chances, Middles-brough's was accepting them. During an afternoon when the injured Keown's absence was often exploited, they missed six excellent openings.

While Rideout, a journeyman footballer, could hardly claim parity with his club's more famous centre forwards. Everton were indebted to his ability to pursue lost causes successfully. Rideout headed his side in front shortly after the interval, but, all too predictably, it was to signal a lapse in Everton's concentration which was punished by Hignett just two minutes later.

Beardsley's penalty in the 66th minute, awarded after he had been fouled by Whyte, should have ended Middlesbrough's resistance, but Everton are often uncommonly generous in a game's final ten minutes, which made Hignett's second equaliser shortly before the end slightly less surprising than it should

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EVERTON: N Southalt, I Snodin (sub: P Radosavljevic), D Unsworth, B Home, D Watson, G Ablett, R Wazycha (sub: S Barlow), P Beardsley, P Rideout, W Kenney, P Beagnie, MDDLESBROUGH: S Pears, C Fleming, J Philips, M Mohar, D Whyte, J Pollock (sub: W Falconer), J Handry, A Peake, P Wildinson, C Hopeal, T Wright Relement R Groves

have been.

Shearer: 22 goals

ALAN Shearer reduced Norwich City's lead in the Premier

League to three points with two more goals in a 3-1 victory over Leeds United, the champions, at Ewood Park on Saturday. The result moved Blackburn ahead of Aston Villa into second place. Jason, Wilcox was the other Blackburn marksman in the 3-1 win. Gary McAllister replied for a Leeds side now languishing in the lower reaches of the

Leeds conceded two goals when their offside trap fell apart and finished well beaten as Shearer took his season's

haul to 22. A near-capacity crowd of close on 20.000 saw Blackburn go ahead in the eighth minute. David May's long ball went through to Wilcox and he galloped away to shoot past John Lukic. The equaliser came, however, in the 38th minute. Colin Hendry had leaned heavily on Lee Chapman and McAllister crashed his free kick past Mimms. The opening half had run a minute into injury time when

Shearer bagged his first. The offside ploy failed and off went Wilcox to pick up a long free kick and deliver it into Shearer's stride at the far post.

Even though Shearer appeared to be limping after the break it did not prevent him from completing Leeds' misery. Wilcox left Sterland in his wake and his 59th minute

THE TIMES TABLE OF THE FA PREMIER LEAGUE

Wkły ' ch'ge	P	Pts	Goal diff	w	(H-A)	D	(H-A)	Ĺ	(H-A)	For (H-A)	Agt	(H-A)	Leading scorers		nces Bkg	Avge 92-3	% chg 91-2	Recent form	Next match
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2 (+1) Blackburn	21	37	+15	10	(8-2)	7	(1-6)	4	(2-2)	33 (22-11)	18	(8-10)	Shearer 16, Ripley 3	2	20	17,797	+34.3	ktwiww	lpswich (a today)
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4 (-2) A Villa	21	35	+7	9	(5-4)	8	(3-5)	4	(2-2)	31 (17-14)	24	(11-13)	Atkinson 11, Saunders 7		11	26,861	+8.2	dlwwdi	Arsenal (h today)
5 (0) Cheisea	21	34	+6	9	(4-5)	7	(5-2)	5	(2-3)	28 (13-15)	22	(10-12)	Harford &		23	20,869	+11.7	www.wdd	Wimbledon (a today)
6 (+1) ipswich	21	33	+7	7	(4-3)	12	(6-6)	2	(0-2)	29 (16-13)	22	(10-12)	Кімоптуа 6	1	17	17,589	+23.2	dwdwwd	Blackburn (h today)
7 (+1) Coventry	21	32	+6	8	(4-4)	8	(3-5)	5	(4-1)	33 (19-14)	27	(15-12)	Quinn 10	_	12	15,446	+11.3	ldddww	Man Utd (a today)
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18 (-1) Everton	21	23	-7	6	(3-3)	5	(4-1)	10	(4-6)	19 (10-9)	26	(14-12)	Beardsley 6	-	9	22,341	-3.5	liwiwd	QPR (a today)
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20 15 -12 TRANSFERS: David Lee (Bolton) from Southampton, £200,000; Mike Wallace (Stockport) from Man City, undisclosed fee. LOANS: David Speedie (Southampton) to Birmingham; Michael Oakes (Aston Villa) to Bromsgrove; Richard Lucas (Sheffield Utd) to Preston; Andy Gray (Tottenham) to Swindon.

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Offiah hurt as Wigan crack under pressure

By Christopher Irvine

EVEN the Knowsley Road diehards could not recall a performance so utterty devastating. The confidence that poured from St Helens yesterday was breathtaking and Wigan's humiliation was completed by a seventh try five minutes from time that ensured their heaviest league defeat for 20 years.

Wigan rarely lose. But in this, their second defeat of the season and their first away from home for 13 months, the champions were second-best in all departments as St Helens resurrected their own title ambitions, and provided substance to the theory that Wigan's invincibility may be

illusory.

Defeat was not only humbling but also costly for Wigan. Offiah dislocated a shoulder and will be out for a month; Platt and Betts have broken hands while Skerrett, who broke a finger, faces a being ordered off in the 45th minute for a second incident

of punching John Monie, the Wigan coach, paid tribute to his team's main rivals who have narrowed Wigan's lead in the Stones Bitter championship to one of points difference. They played superbly, but you would be hard pushed to find one of our guys playing well at the moment," he said.

Wigan's best moment came as early as the third minute, when Offiah sent Botica scamover." a voice from the crowd cried out, whereupon St Helens produced a scoring barrage which brought them 41 points without reply.

They did not make a single handling error until midway through the second period, such was the quality of their play. Ropati and Cooper were their inspiration at half back, while Mann, Nickle and Joynt in the back row tore Wigan's defence to shreds.

Missed tackles helped produce four tries by the home side in the first half. Cooper shovelled the ball to Hunte for his 100th career try after the visitors' defence failed to move up. Carelessness became calamitous as they failed to prevent Nickle and Joynt scoring from short range. In between, Hunte scored a second after Joynt dropped on the ball to take a scrum against

Amid the flare-ups that punctuated the second half, and resulted in spells in the sin-bin for Platt, Nickle and Mann, St Helens closed down Wigan totally and tightened their grip when Lyon succeeded in touching down O'Donnell's grabber kick.

Wigan were powerless to stop Ropati's burst that insti-gated the second of Nickle's scores, or Cooper's slip pass to Ropati, who scored under the

Ropati, who scored under the posts to end the rout.

SCORERS: St Hetens: Thes: Hunte (2), Nickle (2), Joynt, Lyon, Ropati Goals: Loughlin (6). Dropped goal: O'Donnell. Wigner: Try; Botica. Goart: Botica.

ST HELENS: D Lyon: J McCracken, G Connelly, P Loughlin, A Hunter: T Ropatil (sub: P Veivers), S Cooper; J Neill (sub: A O'Donnell), B Davyer, J Henrison (sub: T Ropatil), G Marry, S Nickle, C Joynt.

WiGAN: S Hampson: S Panapa, D Bed, A Farrer, M Ciffeh (sub: J Robinson): S Edwards, F Botoca: N Cowie (sub: W McGirty), M Crompton, K Sterret, D Betts (sub: T Orwie), A Platt, P Clarke.

United performance puts life into Leeds

BOXING Day was, quite sim-ply, the awakening for Leeds (Christopher Irvine writes). Afterwards, the home dressingroom had a contented atmosphere, except for the stereo accompaniment of Rawhide, appropriately enough, for Leeds are rolling after a 40-12 defeat of

Leeds have yet to master the secret formula away from home, where they have still to win, but Saturday was a thrilling and memorable coming together of disparate elements in a team performance unsurpassed this season.

Leeds were always capable of this. The waiting left them close to the bottom of the

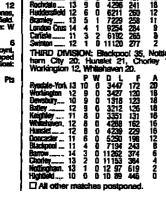
Stones Bitter Championship

Stones Bitter championship: now they are eighth. Alan Tait, the single exception to the earlier misrule, said: "It's

Hunslet, set a pulsating tempo around the rucks, and contributed a gem among seven tries. the hooker's first for the club. Castleford competed for half

an hour, lost their direction and their heads in the second half, when Ellis was sent off for bloodying the nose of Molloy.

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SECOND DIVISION: Bramley 22, Swinton 16.

no longer big time individuals thinking for themselves, but everyone thinking for one another." In harness with Tait's commitment to attack from full back, James Lowes, Doug Laughton's one bargain, from

RESULTS AND TABLES

group, on the wide outside and with Adam Kondrat, his Polish-bota jockey, resorting to the whip, the only person unperturbed was The Fellow's trainer, Francois Doumen. "The others made their effort mid-bend when The Fellow was just breathing nicely so he could come back at them like he usually does," he said afterwards.

"He is laid back and he just waits to be asked for an effort. Always our technique, agreed

SWIMMERS do it. Athletes

do it. Now, after The Fellow's

memorable victory in the

King George VI Chase at

Kempton on Boxing Day, we know that horses benefit from

The art of breathing proper-

ly to conserve energy and enhance performance not

only underpinned The Fellow's win, it also helped to

deceive the vast majority of

the festive crowd into think-

final time. This was where the

The principals hustled and

bustled for position like anx-

ious shoppers waiting for the

new year sales to begin - with

the notable exception of The

While the others were al-

ready making their bid for glory, the French chaser was being allowed the luxury of a

breather before making his

challenge where it mattered.

Not that you would have

guessed it from the stands. As

the five leaders fanned into

the straight, the even money

favourite was last of the

race was won and lost.

half-a-mile to go.

breathtaking late challenge

The Fellow deceives toiling

King George rivals with

2.20 KING GEORGE VI CHASE (Grade 1: £44,500; 3m) THE FELLOW b g Italic

ing the French chaser was likely to lose with less than After the pace-setting Kings between Adam and me, is to Fountain fell at the fourth-last leave the horse to breathe in the last bend. It is not the fence, the race began in earnest as the rest of the field time to do the last effort. While he is breathing the made their way round the top bend before entering the others are making an effort short home straight for the and he has come back to

> "Adam knows him by heart and he knows the tactic of waiting and letting him breathe for as long as possible."

The trainer added: "Even with front runners, like Ucello II, my jockey always has orders to give him a good breathe in the bend and then the horse can do a long acceleration which should last to the post. I don't believe in horses making their effort very far away, like the en-trance to the last bend. It is too far from home."

For backers of The Fellow. the tactics certainly demand a strong nerve, not to mention a fervent belief in the principle that the last shall be first...eventually. After Kondrat raised his

whip once in earnest, the seven-year-old still had four rivals to catch approaching the first of three fences in the

Twenty-one strides and another fence later he had passed the Josh Giffordtrained pair, Bradbury Star

and Deep Sensation, Another 31 strides and the final fence saw. The Fellow pass The Illywhacker, who made a crucial jumping error.

The full benefits of the

breather were now evident as the French raider powered past Pat's Jester inside the final 150 yards for a carbon copy of last year's triumph.
The race had gone accord-

ing to plan. Now Doumen is now eyeing Desert Orchid's achievement of winning the King George four times, and other records besides. "What gives me a kick now

is records over the jumps; to do things which have not been done by a French trainer. That is why I am aiming at the Gold Cup. If only I could find a horse qualified for the Grand National I would like to have a go."
The Fellow will have a well-

deserved rest in January before being prepared for the Cheltenham Gold Cup. While I am still doubtful

about the French horse's love of the Cheltenham hill, it is hard to see who will prevent him from going one better after suffering two successive short-head defeats. Of course, much can hap-

pen between now and March 18, but at the moment the British Gold Cup contenders are a rather motiey band. The six in the betting behind The Fellow (best priced at 9-4) include Blazing Walker, who has not raced since April 1991.

Kings Fountain has failed to complete half his last six races, Jodami was beaten in a handicap off a feather weight last time and Rushing Wild was introduced at 20-1 after an impressive handicap victory at Wincanton on Saturday when he was running off a mark more than 40lb below Gold Cup class.

12.40 Pretonic. 1.10 Diamond Point. 1.40 Vuchter-bacher. 2.15 Miss Gorgeous. 2.45 Classic Account. 3.15 Atlantic Way.

12.40 Arc Lamp. 1.10 Diamond Point. 1.40 Intrepld Fort. 2.15 Arawa. 2.45 Tempering. 3.15 Malenoir.

GOING: STANDARD Draw: 6F-1M, Low Numbers Best

French celebration: The Fellow, right, upsides the eventual third, The Illywhacker, at the last fence on his way to completing a famous double in the King George VI Chase

Richard Evans reports on the patient tactics that paid off for the French in Kempton showpiece

12.40 CHRISTMAS PUDDING HANDICAP (52,385: 67) (13 runners)

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7 2 DIAMACHO POINT 13 M Present 8-2. C Notice 11
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9 0000 GENESS FOUR 25 (S) J Jonátes 7-12. N Cartiste 10
10 0000 GORGEST FOUR 25 (S) J Jonátes 7-12. S Barchrof 1
11 6004 DRAZME 97 C HT 7-9. G Barchrof 1
12 Gormand Point, 2-1 Mccanner 1-9. S Wood 4 7-4 Diamond Point, 2-1 Mountmuck Bard, 5-1 Massier Stocker, Missier Blaits, 10-1 Titled Girl, 14-1 Red Ballet, 16-1 Big-W, 20-1 Rose Riyer, 25-1 others. **COURSE SPECIALISTS**

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1.40 NATIONAL PLANT & TRANSPORT HANDICAP (£2,448: 71) (16)

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Nicholson harbours reservations

MIGHTY Mogul takes on Granville Again at Kempton today in the latest Champion Hurdle trial despite the reservations of his trainer (Richard

Evans writes).

David Nicholson's hurdler. unbeaten this season, would ideally prefer a stiffer track than Kempton or a race over

more than two miles.

"Everything is wrong but I think they are there for the beating. The horse is in great form and when they are well you should run them. It is also a big prize," Nicholson said

yesterday.
The other factor is that we have got another one in the wings," he said, referring to Baydon Star and the Champi-

on Hurdle. "If it was fast ground, he would be the one." Baydon Star, due to run in Cheltenham's Spa Hurdle over two-and-a-half miles on Friday, had been considered for the Stayers' Hurdle, but the chance of Nicholson having two in the Champion Hurdle "is not beyond the realms of possibility."

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Bognor v Bromley; Chesham v Hartow;
Dulwich v Carshalton: Hendon v Enfield
(11.0); St Albens v Basingstoke; Staines v
Windsor and Elon (11.0); Stavenage
Borough v Grays; Sutton United v
Kingstonian (11.0); Wivenhoe v Hayes.
First division: Croydon v Lawes. Dorking
v Boreham Wood; Hitchin v Billerbay;
Layton v Molessy; Maldenhead v Wembley; Purfleet v Tooting and Matchem;
Undridge v Albingdon Town; Walton and
Hersham v Challont St Peter, Winyleledie
v Bishops Stortford. Second division:
Chertsey v Worthing: Edgware v

Rainham; Hempton v Hungerford, Harefield v Berkhamsted; Hemel Hemp-stead v Barton, Leatherhead v Southalt; Harefield v Berkhamsted; Herne Herng-stead v Barton, Leatherhead v Southalt; Newbury v Egham; Tibury v Banstead Athletic; Ware v Safiron Watter; Witham v Ruistip Menor. Third division: Camberley v Horshem; East Thurrock v Colier Row; Epsorn and Evell v Clapton; Hertford v Northwood; Peterstiald v Aldershot Town; Thame v Leighton; Tring v Fetham and Hourslow. HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division:

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Greina.

BEAZER HOMES LÉAGUE: Premier division: Cheltenham v Gloucoster; Corby v Burton, Crewley v Chelmstord: Dover v Hestings; Moor - Green v Hednesford: Trowbridge v Soilmuli: VS Rugby v Atheratone (11.0); Watarlooville v Dorchester (11.30), Weymouth v Bachley: Worcester v Holestowen. Midland division: Bedworth v Nuneaton Borough; Dudley v Bilston, Evesham v Bani; Granifram v Laicoster United; Gresley v Tarmworth; Hinckley v Stourbridge; Navpon AFC v Yate; Heddich v Bridgnorth; Rushden and Diamonds v King's Lynn; Sudion Coldfield v RC Warwick; Westonsypar-Mare v Forest Green. Southern

BANK HOLD AFFEURES division: Andover v Havent; Ashford Town v Canterbury City; Baldock v Bury Town, Buckingham v Weeldstone; Dunstable v Witney; Erith and Belvedere v Burnham; Gravesend and Northfleet v Fisher Athletic; Margate v Sittingbourne; Newport IOW v Fareham; Poote v Sallsbury; Sudbury Town v Braintree.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Bellymena v Cliffonville; Bangor v Certick; Crusaders v Omagh Town; Distillery v Coleraine; Glentoren v Glenavorr; Larme v Arda; Newry v Ballyclare, Portadown v Linfield. KÖNICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Portmadog v Mold. Praliminary round: Abarystwyth v Havarfordwest.

Aboryswyn V Havertorowest.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST
LEAGLE: Premier division: North Femby
v Belper, Pickering v Liversedge,
Thackley v Glasstoughton Wel. G and W
Engineering Cup: Worsborough Bridge v
Rossington Wain. President's Cup: Second round: Bridge v Ossetr Albron: Lincoh
v Spennymoor: Melitby MW v Eccleshil,
Pontetract Col v Armithorpe Wellare.

RASS ANORTH. Poniestaci Col V Armitrorpe Wettare.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES

LEAGUE: Pirst difvision: Bacup Borough

v Bradford Park. Averue; Blackpool

Machanics v Pennth; Chadderton v

Atherton LR; Citheroe v Blackpool

Rovers; Darwen v Sallord City; Esstwood

Hanley v Bernber Bridge; Fleton v

Kidsgrove Affiletic; Maine Road (Man) v

Burscought; Nantwich v Glossop North

End; Prescot v Newcastle Town;

Skelmersdale v St Hetens.

RUGBY LEAGUE Stones Bitter Championship Third division Dewsbury v Batley (2.0)

RUGBY UNION 3.0 unless stated International match

Ireland A v Scotland A (Lansdowne Road, 2.0). Representative match

East Wales v West Wales Club matches Abertillery v Newbridge (2.30) amorgan Wanderers v Bristol (2.30)

Harlequins (2.34)
Harlequins v Richtmond (2.15)
Hawick v Jed-Forest (2.0)
Kelso v Selkirk (2.0)
Kendal v Vale of Lune (2.0) Kandal v Vale of Lune (2.0)
Leeds v Harrogate (2.30)
Melrose v Gale (2.0)
Moseley v Covertry
Musselburgh v Preston Lodge (2.0).
Porttypool v Cross Keys.
Preston Grasshoppers v
Broughton Park (2.15)
Rugby v Nottingham
Tredegar v Neath (2.30)...

Leicester v Barbarians (2.45)..... HOCKEY

Club match President's XI v Cheam (at Cheam, 11.0)....

FOR THE RECORD AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): New Orlgans Seinta 20, New York Jets 0; Los Angeles Raidera 21, Washington Redsiens 20. BASKETBALL

MATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Friday-Chicago Butis 89, New York Knicks 77: San Antonio Spurs 103, Los Angelos Cippors 94 Saturday: Now Jersey Nets 119, Coveland Cavallers 114; Ufah Juzz 108, Soston Celtucs 52: Chicago Butis 95, Indiana Pacers 84, Marin Heat 106, Orlando Magic 100: Detroit Pistons 99, Washington Butlets 97, Alfanta Hawks 113, Minnesota Timberwokes 105; Golden State Wertions 110, Dottos Mevenets 98, Houston Roofess 90, Denver Nuggets 82; Millerautee Bucks 102, New York Kriticks 100 (OT): Phosnix Suns 113, Seattle SuperSomes 110; Portland Trad Bazers 121; Philodelphia 78ers 115 (OT); San Antonio Spurs 104, Los Angeles Lakers 92

CRESTA RUN

CALISCH GRISCHUN: 1, G Pitsch (Serict, 129.06; 2, A lonesco (Sp), 130.05; 3, C Consen (Ger), 131.00 British placing: 17, R Kayner SWISS CHAMPIONSHIP (International) 1. G Bass (Switz), 126 80; 2, J Frectand (GB), 128,12; 3, D von Ribbontrop (Get), 128,16.

CYCLO-CROSS: Specius Systems Supacross (Macclesfield, 14 miles): 1, R Harmond (VC Bad), Semin Olass; 2, N Craig (Peugeol-Look), at 1-30; 3, F Selmon (Peugeol-Look), at 2-29, Jonathan Noble Marmonial (Leons, 12 miles): 8 Thackgro

(Stadford Clympic RC), 1:06-40 Sleabord Wheelers (Granthorn, 8 miles). M Soddan (Ace RT), 52:43. Crabwood CC (Studinaroptin, 14 miles): J Norfolk (VC St Raphael), 1:03:28 Hades RC (Gateshead, 11 miles). R Collecting (Houghton CC). 52:37 Gentini BC (Foots Crav. 15 miles): Disminings (Foots Crav. 15 miles): Hismanings (Foots Crav. 15 miles): Hismanings (CC Aborgavorny), 43:00. Easy Gilde Grand Prite (Kornhorth, 11 miles). M Jones (CC Aborgavorny), 43:00. Easy Gilde Grand Prite (Kornhorth, 11 miles). Belier RC (Hennic Cortyshur. 16 miles): Balkor (Toom Raisegh), 52:45. TIME-TRIALS: Middand Counting CA mees) D Bakur (Todm Raicegh), 52-45.

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(Wytholi, 10 miles): S Dangerlold (Loo RC),
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114-19. Loods Weilington CC (Turtustlet,
10 miles): G Nowland (Touri Ropide),
21-24, New Forest CC (Schrity, Hartis, 10
miles): C Brooker (VC Cana-Aut), 22-57.

Team New Forest CC, 1 15-57.

ICE HOCKEY

MATIONAL LEAGUE (NHB.): Finder no games Sauurdny: Basion Grams 9. Hest-lord Whaters 4: New York Islandars B. New York Rangers 4. Queboc Nordause 4: Ottava Senador 2: Philada Jaha Flyesh fa. Washington Capitals 5 (OT). Marrigoon North Store 5. Windhoop John 4: Durret Red Wangs S. Torotad Mapla Leafs 1: S. Lauke Baros 3. Cheago Rinchteader 2 (OT): Sen. Joso Shurks 7. Los Angolos Norge 2

MBAMI: Orange Bowl parky chairplant ships: Boys: 18 group: Final: R Neddock (Cor) bt R Wisson (Brit), 3-6, 6-4, 8-2, Clafe: 16 group: Somi-linar: E Sarquing (B) bt A Wishwhight (CB), 6-1, 8-2, Final: Bangiorg bt A Basaca (US), 3-6, 6-2, 6-0.

MIGHTY Mogul, joint favourite for the Champion Hurdle next March, can press his claims by capturing the BonusPrint Christmas Hurdle at Kempton today.

MANDAPIN

Staunch Friend, at Newbury

last time out. However, Mighty Mogul his elder brother, Morley Street, at Cheltenham in November, he failed to get in a looks in such good heart at present. It is ald's Phils Pride, who is also nate proceedings at Chepstow. The champion that the champion in such good heart at present. It is also not chasing a treble after promising victories at Catterick and trainer to saddle four winners. blow against Halkopous on the same course earlier this month with today's rivals, Oh So Risky and Kribensis, trailing in fourth and fifth respectively.

I expect Granville Again to confirm that form today without spoiling the winning se-

ELFAST neck 2nd of 5 to Green Willow in a

Roundicagn chases at Associ test segment (2m, solit).
TIMENTANIO 3394 6th of 9 to Brandeston in a legalities at Newtonia (2m, solit).
TIMENTANIO 3394 6th of 9 to Brandeston in a legalities of tests at Newtonia (2m, 5m, 5m, 5m).
THE GRAIN 1294 5th of 10 to Another Const in the grade at TripleProf Gold Cop Hambicago Chases at Chellenham (2m, 51, solit), with ELPAST (same

2.20 BONUSPRINT CHRISTMAS HURDLE (Grade I: £31,430; 2m) (8 numbers)

FORM FOCUS

the mark with Wonder Man, who is napped to complete a treble in the Bonusfilm Novices' Chase.

Wonder Man, who, like Mighty Mogul, was formerly trained by Jenny Pitman, has taken well to fences and his agile jumping should prove quence of Mighty Mogul, who too much for Jimmy Fitzger-

teams) 31% 70. RRFLE RANGE best Rescon Har-vey 71 to a 5-remor handicap chase of Haydock (2m 44, soft). CharReE2 best flough Dues 121 in 3-tumor chase over course and destace (soft). EMSES-H 77 2m of 4 to Remilliones Man in agasts is chase at Handicapion (2m 41 110yd, soft). Selection: RIFLE RANGE

Market Rasen.

Nick Henderson can also complete a double at this competitive fixture with Timryland (1.45) and Galaxy High. who missed a tempting Boxing Day engagement here to run in the Bonusphoto Handicap Hurdle. Martin Pipe should domi-

MANDARIN

THUNDERER

THE BY

RICHARD EVANS: 1.35 Heliopsis.

1.00 Personal Hezard. 1.35 Abbot Of Furness. 2.10 Waterloo Boy. 2.40 Abnegation. 3.10 Around The Horn. 3.40 Night Of Madness.

Claston Greene (12.25). Lord Relic (12.55), Miinnehoma (2.00) and Sea Island (3.05).

Pipe has posed quite a problem by saddling five runners for the Coral Welsh National, but I believe his best hopes lie with Run For Free and Milinnehoma.

Run For Free upset the odds

ing all for a 12-length victory in the Rehearsal Handicap Chase on the Welsh course earlier this month. However, that was Miinne-

homa's first run of the season, whereas Run For Free had already won at Haydock. Miinnehoma has since finished second again, failing to hold Captain Dibble, who

1 -616 BORO SMACKEROO 16 (CD.F.S.S) / Johnson 7-11-10 A Odasey 2 1-12 RATABARD 55 (CD.B.F.S.S) A Turnel 3-11-10 . S McNels 3 -143 USECLE ERBE 23 (D.S.S). Empry Proposal 7-11-10 M Delege 4 2-11 WATERLOO SOY 23 (CD.F.S.S) O Nictobon 9-11-10 . P Meen

10-11 Wansion Boy, 13-8 Katobac, 5-1 Lincie Este, 20-1 Born Strackeron,

reopposes today, in the SGB

Handicap Chase at Ascot. Pipe's talented nine-year-old spoilt his chance by continually jumping to the left and will be much more at home on today's left-handed track. He is also 4lb better off with Captain Dibble for that twoand-a-half length beating.

At Wetherby, Waterloo Boy can confirm his Exeter supremacy over Katabatic in the Castleford Chase.

Osborne has

four winners

JAMIE Osborne completed

the first four-timer of his

career when partnering Djebel Prince, Beauchamp

Express, Stirrup Cup and

Stormhead to victory at New-

After an inauspicious start

when falling on Prime Dis-

play, odds on for the opening

novices' chase, Osborne rode the winners of the last four

races, two each for the train-

ers Oliver Sherwood and

Sherwood's successes were

the first since a virus struck his stable last month. ☐ Irish bloodstock company Goffs has withdrawn its sponsorship of the Newbury

Sales Super Sprint. But one of

the other sponsors.

Weatherbys, has increased its

support to maintain the race

Osborne: fine haul

SATURDAY'S

RESULTS

Going: good to soft 12.45 (2m hdis) 1, Satin Lover (G McCourt, 4-5 law), 2, 8(g Beat (11-2), 3, Farat (12-1) 10 ran, NR, Texan Tycoon, Ht, SO, N Thider, Tote: 21.90; 21.40, £1.50, £1.50 DF: £3.20 CSF: £5.20.

CS+: 25.20.

1.15 (2m) 1. Dalvyns Boy (P Scuciamore, 9-2): 2. Ardicensey Chief (50-1). Barton Bank Evens fav. 5 ran (only two finished). NR: Cab On Target. Dist. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: 53.70; £1.10, £4.50. DF: £41.80 CSF: £63.66.

263.66.
1.45 (2m hdie) 1. Noble Integrit (P Scude-more, 25-1); 2. Hesher (9-2); 3. Kilcash (11-2) Qualterr Sound 7-2 (ev. 11 ran. NR-Madra; 294, nk. M Pice. Tote: 218-50; 23-50, 22-50, 21-80. DF: 2133-50. The: 2203-00. CSF: 2126.30 Thoses: 2560-45

2203 00. CSF: 212630 Thoses: 2560 45
220 see lacing page.
2.50 (2m 41 10)rd chi 1, Dusty Miller (M. Richards, 5-4 tev); 2, Ashfold Copes (4-1); 3, Sinton Lans (11-1), 5 ran. NR: Copeni, Fighting Words, La Cenaga, 140, dist. Sinewood. Tote: £1.90; £1.40, £1.80. DF-53.20. CSF: 58.17. La Clenaga (16-1) was deemed not to have started. All stakes on La Canaga refunded.
3.20. (2m 110)rd hotel 1, Sayyure (G. McCourt, 20-1); 2, Mosspara (4-1); 3, Top Javalin (7-2) I-tavi, Royal Alfieler 7-2 (1-tav. 7-1), and NR: Peterstu, Cinasmentia. Hd. nk. Thomson. Jones Tote: £27.80; £5.50. £2.20. DF: £52.90. CSF: £90.99. Inicast 1221.08.

Lackpot: not won (pool of £25,462 carried toward to Kempton Park today).
Placepot: £1,267.90.

WINCANTON

12.40 1, Lunabelle (5-4 lav; Richard Everne's nap), 2 Chappel Hill (3-1); 3, Many's Muse (50-1), 11 ran. NR: Candle Glow.

1.10 1, Rushing Wild (3-1); 2, Fit For Fing (6-4 lav), 3, Auction Law (16-1) 9 ran NR: Royal Cactar, Jimster.

1.40 1, Boscoen Chieftean (9-2); 2, Sukajab (20-1); 3, Carmeastle (9-1), Jakarrá: 100-30 fav. 11 ran. NR: Run Up The Flag, Mister Major, Mosspara.

2.10 1, Cogent (11-4); 2, Millord Quay (11-10 fay); 3, Cache Fleur (6-1), 7 ran. NR: The Illywhacker.

2.40 1, Broughton Manor (7-2), 2, Carbonale (4-1); 3, Blustery Fellow (12-1). Setter Country 7-4 tax. 8 ran.

3.10 1, Front Street (14-1); 2, On The Line (16-1); 3, Thuhod (9-2); 4, Night Wind (4-1); fay). Strutaht 4-1, Il-lay 16 ran. NR. Smiling Chell, Emsboy, Amphigory, Cold Marble, Bustonan.

tav. I; ran. 1.15 1, Punchbag (7-2 (L-tav); 2, Cornish Cossack (8-1); 3, It's Not My Fault (7-2 (L-fav), 9 ran. NR: Pere Bazille, Nothingbul-

pleasure.

1.45 1, Djebal Prince (7-2); 2. Celcus (7-1);
3, Bean King (13-2). From Page 85-40 fav.
12 ran, NR. Oliveston, Zulu.
2.15 1, Beauchemp Express (7-4 fav), 2.
Kim Velocity (7-1), 3, Martell Boy (15-1), 13
ran, NR: Jack Snipe, Glein Mirage. Allo
George (8-1) withdrawn, not under orders.

— nile 4 applies to all bets, deduction 10p
in cound.

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value at £100,000.

ton Abbot on Boxing day.

The David Nicholsonfaces his stiffest test so far with trained five year-old, unbeatsuch talented hurdlers as en in four outings this term, Granville Again, Oh So Risky has gone from strength to and Gran Alba in opposition. strength and was particularly impressive in beating another Granville Again has been disappointing in two races this Champion Hurdle contender. campaign. After his defeat by BELLEVIOR PARK MANDARIN 12.45 Puritan. 1.15 WONDER MAN (nap). 12.45 Elite Reg. 1.15 Wonder Man. 1.45 Rifle Range. 1.45 Timviend. 2.20 Mighty Mogul, 2.20 Oh So Risky. 2.50 Duntree. 3.20 Gelaxy High. 2.50 Latent Talent. 3.20 Galaxy High. RICHARD EVANS: 2.50 LE PICCOLAGE (nap). The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.50 SOONER STILL COING COOD TO SOFT 12.45 BONUSPRINT HOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-0: £3,817: 2m 5f) (9 runners) D Tegg R Damwoody J Osborne BETTING: 11-8 Ellin Reg. 3-1 Luminol Gentry, 4-1 Purkan, 6-1 Cardino Gold, 8-1 My Senor, 10-1 others. 1991: MASTER F0008ROKER 10-9 P Hotely (20-1) D Beworth 12 mm FORM FOCUS BE May HABITAT beal Top Spin 121 in an 8-numer 1 combine burdle at Accol. on penultiment start (2m 110yd, good to smil). ELITE REG beat Staffe 31 in a 14-numer novice hardle purdle at Chellenham (2m 110yd, good). Previously, beat LANDED GEN-TRY (same terms) 101 is a 14-numer novice hardle at Warwick (2m 50t). AVY SENOR beat Allor's on the Fat, won a Ponterfact in Dember. (2m 2t. and Warwick (2m 50t). AVY SENOR beat Allor's Gentle Chellenham (2m 11 soil). PLRITAN useful staying hardlepper on the Fat, won a Ponterfact in Dember. (2m 2t. and Warwick (2m 50t). AVY SENOR beat Allor's Gentle Chellenham (2m 15 in a 7-numer novice hurdle at Fontwell Selection; ELITE REG 1.15 BONUSFILM NOVICES CHASE (£7,245; 2m) (9 runners) 201 481/1-11 WONDER MAN 23 (CD.F.G.S) (Mrs S Robins) D Micholson 7-11-7. R 202 023-21 AROUND THE HORN 55 (D.S) (Pell-mell Partnes) A Turnel 5-11-0. 203 5/38/762 ATLANL 7 (CD.F.G.) (D Domeity) J Jantons 7-11-0. 204 3036-0 JUMELAN 16 (BF) (Pell-mell Partness) J Gifton 7-11-0. 205 24-5823 (AGGNT'S SPUR 30 (D.G.) (A Tarnor) J Webber 5-11-0. 206 /FO-11 Phills PRIOE 20 (D.G.S) (A Bayman) Jimmy Fitzgerid 8-11-0. 207 4050/8F (DOCHESTIER) 23 (Mrs E Hichard) R Lee 6-11-0. 208 4-108-13 SAUTUBERS & 00 GS (M Boyman) Jimmy Fitzgerid 8-11-0. C) Aromat The Horn is also engaged in the 3.10 and a Welsheity BETTME: Even: Wonder Man, 3-T Phile Prote, 7-1 Santonius, The State: 12-1 Around The Horn, 18-1 others. 1991: YOUNG POKEY 6-11-0 J Osborne (5-2) O Sherwood 10 tan FORM FOCUS WONDER MAN best Peace Officer distance in the A-runner grade it Heavy VIII Novices' Chase at Sandown (Zm. sods), with ROCHESTER in touch when fell 9th ARCHIND THE HORN best Golden Pare 31/51 in an B-runner movice chase at Hereford (Zm. good or soft). ATLAAL VIII 2nd of 12 to Scotoni in a novice chase at Lengined (Zm. beavy). JUMBERU 99/4 3rd of 18 to Heavilland (Zm. beavy). JUMBERU 99/4 3rd o 1.45 TRIPLEPRINT HANDICAP CHASE BETTING: 9-4 Rille Range, 7-2 Tinryland, 5-1 Man Ca The Line, 6-1 For The Grain 7-1 Ensee-H, 10-1 others 1991: MR ENTERTAINER 8-10-6 G McCourt (2-1 tax) N Gaseine 6 ran CHEPSION

THUNDERER

12.25 Claxton Greene.

2.00 Run For Free. 2.35 Staunch Friend.

3.05 Sea Island.

12.25 FESTIVE SPIRIT HOVICES CHASE (\$2,407: 3m) (12 runners)

1991: MUSE 4-11-8 P Hotey (11-8 law) D Elsworth 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

1.25 MAJOR BUGLER (nap).

12.55 Lord Relic.

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GOING: SOFT

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12.25 Claxion Greene.

12.55 Lord Relic.

1.25 Second Call.

2.00 Miinnehoma. 2.35 Staunch Friend.

3.05 Sea Island. 3.35 Musical Monarch.

RICHARD EVANS: 3.35 Salfor Blue.

12.55 PHILIP CORNES NOVICES HURDLE

(£2,574: 2m 4f 110yd) (8 runners)

1.25 FINALE JUNIOR HURDLE

(Grade I: 3-Y-0; £15,655: 2m 110yd) (12 runners)

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40314 SE MY HABITAT 16 (D.S) (ABSS L Stoke) Mess L Stoke II-d.

11 BOLD BOSS 9 (D.S.) (Processor) & Moore 11-0.

11 DAME TO (ARSHAM 16 (D.S.) (ABSS L) Stoke) & Auchuse 11-0.

11 DAME TO REPORT SE (D.S.) (L Blown) M Hammond 11-0.

12 PALACESATE (NNS 9 (D.S.) (Mort Obserd 6 Baiding 11-0.

12 PALACESATE (NNS 9 (D.S.) (C Whelens) A Whatars 11-0.

22 TOP SPIN 16 (L Long) J Stoke II-d.

13 SECOND CALL 13 (S) (Past Sandarous Racing Clab) M Pop 10-9.

13 SECOND CALL 13 (S) (Past Ram Through) Host S (B-4) (D.S.) (C Best Stoke) The Bast Mental II-d.

13 Be New Heiblick is morn Bast to tas in the 12.45 race at Kente

D Be My Habitat is more fluidy to non to the 12,45 race at Kamapton

BETTING: 3-1 Date To Distant, 9-2 Bold Boss, 5-1 Major Bugler, 7-1 Majorat, 9-1 Sected Call, 10-1 Palacognic King, Edex's Cheek, Top Spis, 12-1 Liability Order, 14-1 Bs My Habitat, 20-1 others. 1991: GOOD PROFILE 11-0 L Typer (7-1) G Moore 18 cm

FORM FOCUS

BOLD BOSS best PALACEGATE KINS (Sib better of the provide harder) (2m 109) (if in 18-miner Newcatte (2m 109), heavy) (2m 109) (if in 18-miner Newcatte (2m 109), heavy) (3m 10-miner branche (2m 109), heavy) (3m 11-miner Langleid (2m 109), heavy (2m 110), good to soft) novice harder with BE MY HABITAT (2M 4h. BEIER'S CLOSE best Mikits) (3%) in 9-miner (2m 110), good to soft) novice harder with BE MY HABITAT (2M 4h. BEIER'S CLOSE best Mikits) (3%) in 9-miner (2m 110), good to soft) novice (2m 1



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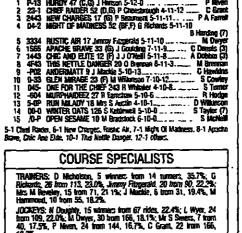
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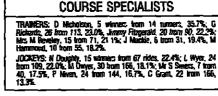
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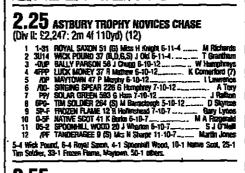


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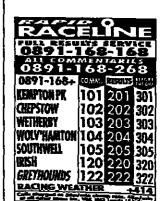


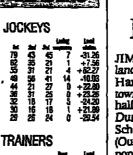


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3.25 ALBRIGHTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,134: 2m 7f) (12)
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☐ Wetherby and Wolverhampton, both abandoned on Boxing Day, expect to race today subject to precautionary inspections. There are no problems reported for the day's other meetings.

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River Tarquin thwarts Dunwoody's big hopes

JIM Dreaper's River Tarquin landed the 1rt35,000 Findus Handicap Chase at Leopardstown yesterday by five and a-half lengths from Richard Durwoody's mount, Second Schedual, the 5-2 favourite (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

Between the last two fences Second Schedual had every chance, but he landed chumsily over the last and could never get back on terms with River Tarquin.

Earlier in the day, the Dunwoody supporters sustained an even bigger reversal when Montelado, the 9-4 on favourite, was beaten a length

by Bayrouge in the 1st Choice Novices' Hurdle. The race pinpointed Tia-

nammen Square as the outstanding Irish novice hurdler of the season as he had previously retained his unbeaten record at the expense of Bayrouge.

Dunwoody did not leave the meeting empty-handed as he partnered Fissure Seal to victory in the qualifier for the Cheltenham Gold Card Stayers Handicap Hurdle. On Saturday, Soft Day emerged the winner of a

rough race for the Dennys Gold Medal Novices' Chase, which saw Anthony Powell's mount, Galevilla Express, disqualified and Powell awarded a 14-day suspension.

The Arkle Chase at Cheltenham in March will be the major objective for Soft Day.

Welsh trial provides a bonus for selectors

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

SELDOM has the holiday stocking been stuffed with so meaningful fixtures. Leicester's match against the Barbarians at Welford Road today reminds us of an 83-year-old club tradition, the high profile of international rugby is represented by the A fixture in Dublin between Ireland and Scotland, and the regional fixture at Cardiff Arms Park between East and West Wales.

The Welsh Rugby Union's technical staff perceive a gap between international and club rugby that they seek to fill. Divisional rugby does so in England, district and provincial rugby in Scotland and Ireland, and now Wales have a match based on place of origin or residence, rather than club.

"The fixture provides a perfect setting for players to show how much they have developed and, in this instance, to further their case for inclusion in the squad for the five nations championship." Robert Norster, the Wales team manager, said.

East Wales played the West as long ago as the 1890s but. since then, such teams have tended to emerge only against touring sides. Alan Davies, the Welsh coach, has declared his support for an extension of the concept — for matches against, for example, England's divisional sides — but Dennis Evans, the WRU secretary, has dampened such

"Our major obligations are to the clubs in our league system and we have to cater for their interests and attempt to raise as much revenue as possible for them," Evans said. Talk of an Anglo-Welsh league or a European provincial championship was premature, he added, nor was it

Be that as it may, the Union hopes to make this afternoon at the Arms Park a worthwhile family outing as well as offering a quality rugby match for the national selectors. Sadly the West have been afflicted by injuries which have disrupted their back division and brought in a host of Davieses - Simon, of Swansea, on the wing, Nigel, of Llanelli, at centre and Adrian, of Cardiff, at stand-off.

Simon Davies will oppose Nigel Walker, thus bringing together the two quickest men Welsh first-class rugby Walker is in the Welsh training squad, Davies is not, but whether either can enhance their claims depends upon the men inside them, of whom Adrian Davies has much to play for since he occupies the spot originally filled by Colin Stephens, the present Wales stand-off.

That match removes Welsh interest from the Barbarian team at Leicester where fur-ther tinkering has taken place in the back division over Christmas. Ian Hunter has influenza and cannot play on the wing so his club colleague at Northampton, Harvey

Thorneycroft, replaces him. Franck Mesnel, alert to the chance of regaining his place in the French midfield, gives best to a thigh injury so Jean-Baptiste Lafond brings with him, as he did last year, his brother Jean-Marc. Leicester had hoped to field Aadel Kardooni at scrum half after three weeks absence with damaged ribs, but family commitments keep him out and Darren Grewcock steps up.

The Barbarians have won 39 of the 73 games played, against Leicester's 29 and a capacity crowd of some 15,000 will watch to see if Leicester can make up the leeway. They will welcome back John Wells, their captain, after an absence of six matches recovering from the broken bone in his hand, and a rare appearance by Dean Richards who has found various unwelcome ways of missing this



Run with the ball: Bristol set up at attack at the Memorial Ground in Newport on Saturday, when they recovered from a ten-point deficit to secure victory

Knibbs keeps nerve in Bristol balancing act

Newport 16 By DAVID HANDS

THERE is a curious void in the middle of Bristol's season, which derives partly from the game's structure and partly from their own failure. They will go two complete months without a "competitive" fixture before the league motor begins to purr again on February 13.

The next round of Courage championship matches, on January 9, is Bristol's rest day, and they are already out of the Pilkington Cup, so it will be quite like old times. Except, of course, that the coaching staff must ensure a lively return in the league -

where Bristol are handily placed in fifth position while taking the opportunity to look at some of the youngsters who may constitute the club's strength in future seasons.

It is a delicate balance to preserve but, judging by their victory over Newport at the Memorial Ground on Saturday, there is no shortage of character on the playing side. Bristol recovered from a tenpoint deficit to win by a goal. a try and three penalty goals to two tries and two penalty goals, helped considerably by one of the club's established characters, Ralph Knibbs.

Knibbs has been playing first-team rugby at Bristol since 1982, is still only 28. and this was his 368th game. In ten years, he has scored I I I tries, but was not gener-ally considered to be a placekicker of note. However, early arrivals would have seen him kicking at goal under the direction of Dave Alred, Bristol's kicking and Knibbs duly stepped up to land three penalties in the first half. In the previous 367 games,

he had garnered only five penalties; and when he went on to kick a conversion from the touchline, onlookers could have been forgiven for wondering whether a resource had not been wasted. His second penalty took him past 500 points, too, which more or less erased memories of Bristol's generous start in which they proffered two gift-wrapped tries. The Welsh club, fielding --

strength team, is in similar condition across the Severn: sixth in the Heineken League but so badly affected by injuries that it has seldom dropped into a consistent pattern. But here, Newport took advantage of Bristol's inability to find touch and countered effectively; they also discovered that Bristol's scrum was not all it might have been.

They included some local knowledge in their pack. since Thomas had played for Clifton and Arthur for North Bristol, and had they taken better advantage of some alarming gaps in Bristol's defensive alignment they might have scored more than their two first-half tries. However, a charged-down

kick closely followed by a sliced clearance gave Carter the chance to pounce, and when Wagborn and Patten performed a polite "after you" routine under a high ball, Lewis swept in to back on and grab the touchdown. Knibbs ensured that Bristol remained in contact and Eves, who has led so well by example for two seasons, prompted the move which

brought them the lead. With Newport wilting under a volley of penalty awards, the flanker burst down the left touchline, curved infield and established the ruck from which the Bristol backs, on a greasy surface and with an icy wind down their necks, passed sweetly to give the powerful John the overlap and a try in

converted nonchalantly. Williams levelled the scores with his second penalty, but there was no denying Bristol. They ran a free kick and worked Regan, the hooker, over for the try that ensured victory in the 170th meeting with Newport. An Angio-Welsh win is always a worthwhile way to fill a void, too, so Bristol kope to do it

Wanderess.

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Penalty goals: Williams (2)
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NEWPORT: S McClacken; I Jellinys, K
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M Pandle, A Lewis: J Williams,

again today — at Glamorgan

Wanderers.

Understudy steals

Scotland put Hogg to the test again

By Alan Lorimer

IRELAND and Scotland meet for the first time in an Adesignated fixture at Lansdowne Road today. For both countries, it will be an essential part of the selection process for the forthcoming national trials and the five nations' championship match between the countries at Murrayfield in a fortnight's

The A fixture has evolved from the series of B matches, which, in this context, were for non-capped players only. While the most recent B match resulted in a defeat for Scotland, the Scots nevertheless profited, discovering enough talent to ensure a reasonable standard in the five nations' championship at a time when



cap after playing in the B match last season was Andy Nicol, who today will lead the Scotland A team and will play opposite the former Ireland captain and scrum half. Rob Saunders. Saunders partners Niall

front three. The Scotland selectors will whom will play for the senior

retirements and injuries were encouraging forecasts of

One player to achieve a full

Malone, who has been named in the senior side for the Ireland trial and who is one of two Oxford blues in the Ireland A team. The other is Michael Patten, the Oxford captain, who will lead the Irish team from hooker. Patten. with Gary Halpin and Philip Sodon, who played for Ireland B against Scotland B last season, form a powerful front row that will test the Scots'

be watching the back row particularly closely, all three of side in the trial, with their main focus, surely on Carl Hogg, who is being groomed as an international No. 8.

There will be close attention, too, paid to Andrew Reed, the Bath lock, who has won rapid promotion since playing for the Scottish Exiles this season. and, behind the scrum, to Tony Stanger. The Hawick wing appeared to lose form in Australia but regained confi-dence in the McEwan's district championship.

Cardiff enjoy light entertainment Cardiff's superiority was, in the end, clear for all to see as they scored eight tries to one. on the wing, three of the younger players dominated they scored eight tries to one. Will the players want to play a fler the match. Howlett, Lewis and Christmas? Bless what re-

Fresh hope for Fylde as Greatorex shines

By GERALD DAVIES

FOR about half an hour, this was a good contest at the Arms Park on Saturday. But it ended as pure entertainment - if you were a Cardiff supporter, that is. Once they got the first try under their belt, in the 29th minute, the home team ran away with it.

The match began nicely enough. There was a good spirit among the players, and it is not often you can say that about a fixture involving neighbours who insist there is a point to prove between the out-of-towners and the city smoothies.

Both teams were intent on running off the inevitable excesses of the season instead of getting embroiled in fumbling and stubborn mauls.

Preston Grasshoppers...7

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

AFTER remaining unbeaten

this month. Fylde have not

ahandoned hope of avoiding

the drop from the Courage

Clubs Championship second

division. Their battling quali-

ties needed to be at the

forefront on Saturday in vic-

tory over Preston Grasshop-

pers, who stand two divisions

George Hook, the new

Fylde coaching director, late of

below them.

But, the question begs, who

are the players? Few of them had been numbered on their respective first-team sheets hitherto and come January 2, when the clubs meet again in the Heineken League, these new, eager faces will be gone. No wonder the mood was all sweetness and light: the gnarled veterans were all putting their feet up at home or sipping port and brandy in the stand.

So, how long can the fixture last? There was, after all, a big crowd. Tradition brought them hither no doubt or perhaps they wished simply to be somewhere where they could breathe fresh air among old friends. Which, I suppose, are as good reasons as any. The match was played with heart-warming exuberance. While Ford was in fine form

word relegation. His positive attitude has inspired vigorous

ball-winning and forthright

Fylde produced both to re-

sist Preston's challenge in a turbulent match of multiple

lectures to both teams after

strength, a rarity for a non-

league game, though Dooley.

England's most-capped lock, was unavailable for Preston,

whose competitive edge was

nevertheless razor-sharp as be-

fits their status as promotion

A crowd of around 3,000

The sides approached full

back play.

challengers.

fists were raised.

Ceri Thomas played some wonderful rugby and delighted with their precious speed, dexterity and good hands. Lewis may have hung on to the ball too long but there was genuine joy in all their play.

But the game has to have a point. And clearly both clubs acknowledged, by their selec-tions, that the game held little meaning for them. There are keen supporters who want to see this but not as many as

turned out on Saturday. The clubs will have to define their purpose. For, how long can Cardiff continue to charge, when the first-choice team is unavailable, the same entrance fee as for a league encounter? The crowd will soon dwindle, the match become obsolete. And clubs will then wonder what on earth they will do on Boxing day.

Greatorex, the Fylde No. 8, and the other, a penalty try for

Preston, awarded after Taylorson, a wing playing

against his former club, was

obstructed in pursuit of a kick

over the opposing line.
The territorial balance tipped the way of Fylde, whose

backs were ignited by Barclay,

23. a former scrum half

turned wing, who returned to

his previous position after a

seven year gap. His break, followed swiftly by a thunder-

ing run from Greatorex put

Preston under the severe pres-

mains of their amateur hearts,

Pontypridd gave as good as they got to begin with and after 25 minutes there were only three points difference. Ceri Thomas had kicked two penalties and Gavin Jones one before Cardiff, with marvellous enterprise, scored three tries, by Ceri and Owain Thomas and Ford, all begun in their own half. Thomas converted two of these and the contest was all over.

CONDEST WAS All OVET.

SCORERS: Cardiff: Trigs: C Thomas (2), Ford (4), O Thomas, Bevan. Conversions: C Thomas (5). Penalties: C Thomas (2). Pontypridd: Try: James. Penalty: Jones. CARDIFF: P Armstrong: O Thomas, C Thomas, J Howlett, S Ford: G Lewis, H Harries; K Matthews (rep: A Lewis), H Bevan, P Edwards, J Hawes, H Hernatt, C Mills, M Edwards, J Harries, H Morgard, J Lewis, S COV, frep: J Edwards, J Lawis, S Covy frep: J Edwards, J Lawis, J Lowis, S Covy frep: J Edwards, J Lawis, S Covy frep: J Edwards, J Lawis, S Covy frep: J Edwards, J Lawis, S Covy frep: J Edwards, K Davies, J Downes, M James, G Phillips, L Party, S Davies, J Commings), M Williams. Referee: C Thomas (WRU).

Greatorex, the Welsh Stu-dents rugby league interna-tional, made other significant

contributions, notably a try

when Jackson dummied a

drop at goal and raced inci-

sively down the wing. It was

an inspirational moment in a

game which advertised the

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FYLDE: M. Lecleson; P. Seed, S. Connell (repr.)
D. Collinge), J. Altins, G. Campbell, S. Gough,
I. Banday, R. Altrill, A. Mofrat, M. Haya, T. Weighman, T. Taylor, P. O'Nell, I. Astron, M.

Weghman, I Taylor, P. O'Tawa, Grestoner, PRESTON GRASSHOPPERS: E Deart, J. Hardle, J. Moore, J. Cheswotth, A. Taylorson, W. Thompson, J. Bledsdale: J. Moon, P. Carler, R. Crayston, N. Battersby, D. Graz, M. Sword, Referee: S. Kerl (Liverpool).

merits of friendly matches. SCORERS: Pytria: Try: Greatures: Penalty goals: Jackson (2). Preston Gress-lioppers: Panalty by. Conversion:

London Irish Old Millihillians...... By BARRY TROWBRIDGE

MIKE Flatley, the London Irish press officer, had previewed Boxing day at Sunbury as not so much a game of rugby, more a "cultural experience". Given that it is the time of year for charity and that Flatley is one of the most cooperative and charming of PR men, he perhaps deserves the benefit of any doubt. Culture was conspicuous by its absence but it was certainly an

experience.

tion that London Irish would be fielding maybe ten or so first XV regulars and treating the game as serious prepara-tion for the next League match. But reality got lost somewhere amid the seasonal festivities. Kick-off time, having been 3pm on the fixture list all season, settled, via 2.30 and 2.15, at 2.45 — apparently the time most likely to produce 15 men in green jerseys. Even then, there was an air of uncertainty as to what would unfold as the pantomime influence of people playing in roles foreign to them

There had been a sugges-

became apparent.

Mike Gibson, the former Ireland No. 8, took a while to realise that when he fielded the ball in space at full back it was the wrong option to turn and wait for his colleagues to drive him upfield. Paddy McGuinness, an erstwhile prop, provided an awesome spectacle on the 1en wing. Matt Keenan, nominally at

the Sunbury show lock, gave a completely new meaning to the term loose forward, while the referee's son went on as a replacement after 20 minutes and cleaned up with five tries from the back

row . . . oh yes he did. Andy Mortimer, the Milhilians chairman, had said that his side would "compete for the first half, but turn round trailing and then get blown away as they get tired towards the end". With the sides presently six-and-a-half divisions apart in the league, it was, of course, a deadly accurate prediction; 15 minutes of stalemate and four tries before the break preceding a secondhalf romp which produced seven more scores for the Irish.

Dean Shelford, Wayne's 33year-old brother, who had been punching holes through the centre all afternoon, fumbled what should have been an eighth, but the biggest cheer of what was now a very grey day was reserved for Francesco Ferrari, who ran 60 metres down the right to

secure points for Millhillians. Paul Burke's ability to clean up a scatter-gun service from Hughes apart, Grant Taylor's five tries between the 38th and 73rd minutes raised the tone

considerably. COLISIDERADIY.

SCORERS: London Intel: Tries: Sweeney (2), Burlen (2), Taylor (5), Reid, McFarfand. Conversions: Burlen (4), Old Milithillane: Try: Fensa: Conversions: Netmes; LONDON RISSH: M GRoson: P McGunness, R Handerson, D Shelford, P Sweeney, P Buske, P Hughes, D Robson, J McFarfand, H Red, M McCormick (rep: M Burley, M Ksenza, B McGurle, N Lennon (rep: G Taylor), J Fitzpetrick.

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sure which yielded a second penalty goal from Jackson after 51 minutes. saw only two tries, the first by London Irish, has banned the Aberavon end bad run at Neath

At Cardiff Arms Park

EAST WALES: M Rayer (Cardiff): A Hamies
(Newprotoje), R Bidgood (Newport), M Ring
(Cardiff), N Walker (Cardiff), N Jamikhs
Portypord): R Moon (Laneli, captain), M
Griffiths (Cardiff), G Jenidos (Swansea), L
Mustoe (Portypool), H Stone (Cardiff),
Garreth Liewellyn (Nesth), A Copsey
(Lanell), M Budd (Cardiff), S Legge (South
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WEST WALES: I Jones (Lisnelli): Simon Davies (Swonsea), M Hall (Cardill, N Davies (Lisnelli), W Proctor (Lisnelli), Davies (Lisnelli), H Howley (Bridgend): R Evens (Lisnelli), A Thomas (Mach), H Williams-Jones South Wates Police), A Reynolds (Swensea), P Davies (Lisnelli), P Arnold (Swensea), R Websies (Swensea), Stuent Davies (Swensea), Captain).

Back, D Richards
BARBARIANS: G Hestings (Walsonians
and Scotland), J-M Latond (Rading Club),
J-B Latond (Baglet and France), I. Walson
(Wendesers and Australia), H Thompsont
(Wonthampton); C Chatmers (Melrose and
Scotland); S Bates (Wasse and England),
M Linnett (Moseley and England), J Over
(Northampton and England), J Over
(Northampton and England), J Probyn

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At Lansdowne Road
IRELAND A: C Wildneson (Melone); C Leahy (Wanderses), B Walsh (Cork). B Glemon (Landowne), N Woods (Blackrotk College). N Mislone (Dubre) (Cork), M Petton (Cork), N Mislone (Dubre) (Cork), D Treed (Ballymens). R Costello (Ganyowen). B Caronin (Garyowen). B Caronin (Garyowen). K McKee (Bangor). Replacements: A Whate (St. Bangor). Replacements: A Whate (St. Bangor). Replacements: A Whate (St. Bangor). A Replacements: A Whate (St. Bangor). J. Replacements: A Whate (St. Bangor). Galywenn, B Mulcahy (Sangor). P Miller (Ballymena). B Mulcahy (Sangor). J. Jardee (Shing Co), A Consent (Gala), J. Jardee (Shing Co), M Appleson (London Scottich). G Shiel (Melanes), A Nicol (Dandee High School FP, captain): A Wett (Glasgow High/Keivinsde), I Marison (London Scottich). C Hogg (Melroe). Replacements: J Kerr (Haddington), D Wytle (Saswart-Melwille FP). D Millard (London Scottich). A Macdondid (Henot: FP), G Wilson (Bonughmust). M Scott (Edinburgh Acad)

ABERAVON beat Neath for the first time in an 18-match run stretching back to 1984 at the Talbot Athletic Ground on Saturday. They scored four tries in a 25-14 victory.

Alan Davies, Ian Evans and Geraint Thomas got the home tries, with an additional penaly try. Craig Ryan, the former Welsh youth international stand-off half, from Trimsaran, kicked five points. Llanelli had to rely on an injury-time penalty from Andrew Richards to stop London Welsh from winning for the first time in 20 years at Stradey Park. Trailing 13-0 at one stage. Llanelli, who were fielding a shadow side, had tries by two back-row forwards, Ian Davies and Gary Jones, to thank for their FP Heriot's

Watsonians, their Edinburgh

rivals, 18-15 in an important dress rehearsal for the McEwan's national league match between the sides on Saturday week. For that championship match, Heriot's, second from bottom in the table, ought to have back in their side Ken Milne, the Scotland hooker, and Andy Macdonald, the 6ft 8in lock.Watsonians. too, will be able to strengthen their side with the addition of Gavin Hastings and Roger Baird. the former Scotland and British Isles wing.

Heriot's, beaten 3-2 in the try count, looked the better side up front, where their forward power early in the game produced a pushover score for Mike Allingham, the scrum half. Andrew McRobbie, Heriot's strongrunning and incisive centre, fittingly scored his side's other try from a move he

initiated. Fixtures in the Midlands were badly disrupted by the weather on Saturday, with the games at Bedford (v Old Paulines), Moseley (v Coventry) and Northampton (v Stirling County) all called off because of frozen pitches. Moseley v Coventry has been rearranged for today.

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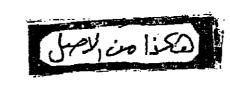
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TELEVISION page 24

Enid Blyton was the subject of a dramatised documentary that asked few awkward questions

DANCE page 24

Tchaikovsky is back in town, as The Nutcracker takes up its annual

Festival Hall residency



How they suffered for the camera

In films, composers are always tormented geniuses. Even Gérard Depardieu cannot resist the cliché, writes Geoff Brown

he world has grown accustomed to Gérard Depardieu stomping through the 15th century as Christopher Columbus, or donning Cyrano de Bergerac's big nose, cloak and plumed hat. But it still comes as a surprise to see France's biggest actor in Tous les Matins du Monde, powdered wig cascading down, beauty spot on his right cheek, fingers coaxing beautiful, melancholy music from a viol da gamba. He is impersonating Marin Marais, court musician for Louis XIV and leading light of the French school of bass viol players.

In some ways we should have expected it. Stewart Granger, violin crunched under his chin, assumed Paganini's identity for The Magic Bow in 1946; forced to start fiddling with a scrawny instrument, he bleated intemperately "How can I get anywhere with a thing like this?" The Music Lovers turned Tchaikovsky into Richard Chamberlain. Dr Kildare with a beard. And Mozart, we all know Mozart: he's the spitting image of Tom Hulce, and the original ugly American.

But when set against cinema's lurid track record in the field, Tous les Matins du Monde, directed with cool, probing passion by Alain Corneau, still prompts surprise. Until its French release a year ago. Marais and the viol da gamba were largely the preserve of Baroque music performers like Jordi Savall,

who plays the notes Depardieu and others seem to be fingering. And Saint-Colombe, Marais's teacher (and from some angles the film's central character), is so shadowy a figure that historians remain ignorant of his first name and dates

Yet in Corneau's film, for all the esoteric trappings, the composers depicted are still cut to a familiar pattern. Cinema loves to follow the 19th-century concept of the artist as sufferer, transmuting human tragedy into masterpieces. No movie composer worth his salt writes simply for pleasure and profit; he puts pen to paper devastated by grief, madness, the pangs of love, or the patron's jackboot.

In Tous les Matins, for instance, Saint-Colombe's muse is inseparable from his grief for his late wife, who appears in visions as he sits in a hermit's hut, worlds removed from Versailles glitter. Yet Saint-Colombe's life is a doddle compared to other celluloid colleagues.

In Hollywood follies such as A

Song to Remember and Song Without End, Chopin, Liszt, Schumann and company become so entangled in affairs of the heart that it is surprising any composing gets done. Especially when the ladies have rapier tongues: "Discontinue that so-called Polonaise jumble you've been playing for days," Merle Oberon's George Sand orders Cornel Wilde's Chopin in A Song to Remember. No wonder the poor man, at the end of



Paul Muni (left) as the old music master Professor Elsner, with the young Chopin, played by Cornel Wilde in A Song To Remember (Ronald Grant Collection)

the film, spits Technicolor blood onto the piano keys and expires. If celluloid composers are directed by Ken Russell, their problems

breed like rabbits. We expect rampant neuroses and tormented sex lives with Tchaikovsky and Mahler. Russell, however, can detect unrequited lust even in Sir Arnold Bax, portrayed by the director himself in a bizarre film for The South Bank Show last month. Russell takes the Romantic concept of art to the edge of lunacy.

Yet in doing so, he is simply echoing the popular imagination. which is always tempted to equate artist with crackpot. There is only a jump in degree, not kind, from the heroes of Russell's musical biogra-phies to the wholly imaginary classical composers who populated films during the 1940s.

Think of Alexander Hollenius in Deception, a master of modern music consumed with jealous love of Bette Davis; or Enrique Claudin in 1943's Phantom of the Opera, unhinged by a publisher's theft of his Lisztian piano concerto. (Claude Rains impersonated both.) And who can forget Laird Cregar's George Henry Bone, the Victorian murderer of Hangover Square, thundering alone across the piano keys in his "Concerto Macabre" as flames engulf the concert hall?

Since Tous les Matins is a

European art movie, it misses the more comical aspects of the genre. Saint-Colombe and Marais speak French, not Hollywoodese. They do not drop names. Their compositions are heard in authentic versions, not whipped into saccharine rhapsodies, top-heavy with strings

and a wordless choir. Other European directors have gone further than Corneau in the pursuit of authenticity. When Jean-Marie Straub made The Chronicle of Anna Magdalena Bach in 967, he wanted no Depardieu or his equivalent as the mighty . Bach. Instead he plonked the wig and ruffs on the distinguished harpsichordist Gustav Leonhardt,

renowned for the severity of his concert platform manner. With Leonhardt and other in-

strumentalists in position, Straub had no need for mimicking fingers and a synchronised soundtrack: he recorded his musicians directly on the set. Yet even here, artifice crept in; the chronicle itself was a work of fiction by Straub.

Europe, too, has bred its own schmaltzy fancies about composers. The tradition derives from stage operettas. Das Dreimäderlhaus in 1916 spun a sentimental vision of old Vienna, with a shy, lovelorn Schubert and happy songs galore. After this roaring success (variously adapted as Lilac Time and Blossom

Time), no composer of pretty tunes was safe.

Johann Strauss's waltzes were filched for Waltzes from Vienna, once filmed by Alfred Hitchcock. Grieg's melodies and love life were pumped into Song of Nonway, fatuously filmed with Cinerama fjords and much prancing dancing.

Among all these moonstruck or demonic composers, gabbling in languages not their own. Tous les Matins du Monde steers a middle course. A sensible story is sensibly told, but ample room is left for the arcane music to cast its spell. Music lovers have much to be grateful for. Tous les Matins du Monde (12) opens

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David Sinclair explains why the Town & Country Club in London is threatened with closure

London may lose two of its favourites

ystery surrounds the imminent clo-L sure of two of London's best-known rock music venues. The .1,800-capacity Town & Country in Kentish Town - recent host to acts including Keith Richards, Lionel Richie and David Bowie — along with its smaller sister, the T&C2 in Islington, will both close on March 24. That is when the current lease expires. Folgate Estates, owner of the sites of both venues, has informed the clubs' leaseholder. Mick Whelan, that renewal is not an option.

The pitfalls of running a

rock venue are many and varied. When one closes, it is usually obvious why. Whether it be in failing to head off opposition from residents' groups - leading to the with-drawal of an entertainment licence by the local authority or not attracting the right acts to guarantee sufficient boxoffice returns, bad management is often to blame.

This is not the Town & Country's first crisis as a rock music venue. In 1990, when

JANE GLOVER's term as

artistic director of the Buxton

Festival has ended before it ever properly began. The con-ductor and BBC governor was appointed this summer on a

one-year contract to take

charge of next July's festival in

the Derbyshire spa town. But

last week the festival chair-

man, Bob Huddie, an-

nounced that Glover had

At the time of her appoint-ment, Glover made it clear

that she would not continue if

her artistic plans could not be achieved. "I am desperately sad that things have not worked out," she said last week. Huddie also announced that Ruston had received a

that Buxton had received a grant of £195,000 from the

Foundation for Sport and the

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resigned.

renewal. Foleate was keen to turn the venue into offices. It was refused permission by Camden Council which de-

clared the property, built in 1934, to be a Grade 2 listed building. And only last year, the Town & Country was the target of a vociferous campaign mounted by local residents to have its licence curtailed. The dispute was resolved with a compromise arrangement hammered out in the Knightsbridge Crown Court, since when complaints from residents have apparent-

ly not been a problem. Recently voted best venue in Britain for the third year running by New Musical Express readers, the Town & Country is virtually unrivalled. certainly when compared to other halls of a similar size in London. There is a tube station close by and reasonable parking in surrounding

The door staff are tolerably well-mannered, unlike the simian security men who furnish such a hostile reception at other well-known London ven-

ues. And once inside, there is

freedom to roam, unlike the numbered seating at Hammersmith Apollo.

Town & Country manager Ollie Smith and booker Alan Robinson are unabashed about operating a policy which excludes bands that attract the "wrong" sort of following. One group was not re-booked when used syringes were found in the toilets after the gig. Appearances by a certain

sort of rap act have been curtailed after the fans of one such group arrived deter-mined to "steam" their way in through the back doors rather than pay for a ticket. And the riotous Los Angeles-based band Fishbone were deemed not welcome after a member of the group hurled a trombone into the crowd so hard that it almost reached the bar.

So, a well-ordered venue, employing more than 30 staff, turning a healthy profit (its bar is said to be the largest outler in Britain for Scottish & Newcastle Breweries), contributing to the local economy and apparently paying its rent on time is to be closed. Why? make any comment. The company is the property management wing of Murphy's, the organisation better known for digging up London's roads on behalf of the public utilities. It is overseen by John Murphy, an octogenarian thought to be a key figure in the informal network of expatriate Irish businessmen sometimes re-

ferred to as the London

"Murphia". The other side in the Town & Country affair also has strong Irish roots. Originally a single-screen cinema, the venue became an Irish Dance Hall in 1971 and only started to feature a broad range of contemporary rock acts in 1985 under the guidance of leaseholder Mick Whelan, another figure of considerable influence within the London Irish community.

Although rock venues under threat of closure are always quick to cry wolf in their efforts to mobilise popular support, on this occasion there really does seem little chance of a reprieve. Ollie Smith, who will retain the rights to the club's name, is looking for new sites,

but time is running out. The Roundhouse at Chalk Farm. recently acquired by a leisure firm, may be one possibility.

It will be a sad day for many fans, not least this critic, if the Town & Country does close. In these recessionary times it seems ironic that such a flourishing concern should be choked in its prime.

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MUSICA

Rolling Stone Keith Richards, who recently played at the Town & Country Club with the X-Pensive Winos, the band who provide backing for his solo career Take a trip to theatreland

• THIS week The Theatre Club offers two very special weekend breaks and the chance to meet one of the most popular stars in the West End.

LONDON

Meet Phillip Schofield and see Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoal, at the London Palladium. Monday, January 25.

Following the performance members will have the opportunity, over a glass of wine, to meet Phillip Schofield, star of Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Tickcts for this evening are limited. Tickets are £27.50 which includes a top price seat and a glass of wine. Tel 071-413

Visit the January Sales and enjoy an evening at the the-

atre, January 8-10. A special weekend for members to visit the January sales and enjoy an evening at the theatre. Staying at the four-star Marlborough Hotel in the West End, the weekend starts with a three-course dinner at the hotel. On Saturday you can shop till you drop knowing that at the end of the day your hotel is just a few minutes away. After freshening up at the hotel the choice of show is of his most popular works, The

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yours. We've arranged tickets for Les Misérables, Cats, Five Guys Named Moe and Kiss of The Spider Woman. If you want tickets for another show let us know when you book your weekend (subject to availability). The complete package including dinner on Friday evening, two nights bed and breakfast and top priced tickets for the show of your choice is £99 per person, based on two people sharing a room. Tel: 061-428 0008.

SCARBOROUGH

Meet Alan Ayckbourn and enjoy a weekend of his comedy at the Stephen Joseph Theatre in the Round, Scar-

borough, May 28-30. Alan Ayckbourn, one of the most prolific and successful playwrights, has presented nearly all his plays in a small theatre in Scarborough, where he is artistic director. Now one

Norman Conquests, is return-ing to Scarborough 20 years after it was first produced there. The production went on to the Greenwich Theatre and the Globe Theatre on Shaftes-bury Avenue and starred Penelope Keith, Felicity Kendal and Michael Gambon. The Norman Conquests com-prises three interlinked plays. Living Together, Table Man-ners and Round and Round The Garden, each of which looks at the same sequence of events over one weekend from a different perspective. We've arranged a special weekend in Scarborough to see all three plays and to meet the author. The cost is £158, which includes two nights dinner, bed and breakfast at the Crown Hotel and top price tickets for all three plays on Friday evening. Saturday afternoon and evening. Tel: 071-240

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ARTS BRIEFING

composer of light music. The material, much of it never seen before in public, has been acquired over the years by Lloyds Bank, which has been keeping the home fires burning in the former Novello family residence in Cathedral Road, Cardiff. Meanwhile, on the actual anniversary evening, January 15, Sian Phillips will host a gala concert of the master's work with the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra.

Avril jumps ships

Arts towards next year's event. BBC Television's new head of CARDIFF is paying hom-age to one of its most famous music programmes is to be Avril MacRory, the present commissioning editor for music at Channel 4. She takes sons next month. The centenary of the birth of Ivor up the post early in the new Novello is being marked by an year, replacing Dennis Marks who is going to English Natexhibition at the St David's Hall of manuscripts, photo-graphs, programmes and me-morabilia connected with the who is going to English Nat-ional Opera as general direc-tor. MacRory has been at



Ivor Novello at work: Cardiff will pay homage to its famous songwriting son on the centenary of his birth

ously she was with the Irish broadcasting station RTE for nine years.

Last chance . . .

ARNOLD RIDLEY'S Ghost Train shows its age, a pre-Wodehousian period when heroes said dammit, sir, haven't you any sense of decency? and villains were

"Rupert D'Alvarez of Barcelo-Channel 4 since 1988; previna and Otto Schmatz of Hamburg". But Bill Oddie, a

troglodyte station-master forever mumbling "baint nothing nowhere nothing round here", is good fun, and the spook-puffer itself provides a good melodramatic climax as it screeches past the platform. Last performance at the Lyric, Hammersmith (081-741 2311) is on Saturday.



LONDON

CINDERELLA: The Royal Ballet's Christmas Peet, besed on the dessic fairy-tale, with music by Protofler and choreography by Frederick Astron Including the Ugly Sater's paice de réastance. Nina Nanashwii dances the title role tonight with Stuart Cassidy as

her prince. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911). Tonght, 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

TRAVELLING OPERA: Poter Kneep and his energetic touring company arrive at the South Benk with their lively as use south sent wan their lively versions of La Bohéme (set in 1830s Peris) and Don Pasquele (with the hero as a modern Turcen fitness freek).

Coven Etizabeth Hall, South Benk, Londo SET 1871 4878 on asset Turkey. Creen Etzabeth Hau, Schol Conghi London SE1 (071-828 8800). Tonight

VISUALISING MARCHE INITIES: The heme of this small show (13 works in total) is the way entits from the mid-19th century up to today have used the male body in an. The choice includes Mittals, Epistern, Potock and Bacon. Tate Gailery, Mitterik, SW1 (U71-821 1313), Mon-Sat, 10am-5.60pm, Sun, 2-5.50pm, umif June 6 (closed New Year's day).

ANNIE GET YOUR GUN: hvmg Berin's pre-feminest musical is no mod for a Ninedes woman but the songs are Rif is revisible.
Simply stressing.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5967) Tues-Sat, 7.30pm, mats.
Thurs, Sat, Sun, 3pm, 160mins (closed

successful musical explores the impulse that drives no-hopers to ldit American. Donmar Warehouse, Eartham Saset, WC2 (071-867 1150), Mon-Sat, 7-30pm, mais Thurs, Sat, 3pm, 105mms (closed New Year's day).

BARNUM: Enjoyable Christmas treat, with Paul Nicholas walking the high win n Paul Nicholas waiking the high wire uncy numbers by Cy Coleman and hael Stewart minion, Tottenhern Court Road, W1 11-580 8845). Mon-Set, 7.30pm, mats ad and Sat, Spm. 140mms.

RBLLY LIAR: The WaterhouseHall success of 1980 exposed as urbalanced and pretty chamileas. National Theetire (Cottaalioe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252), Today, 7.30pm, tomorrow, 2.30pm and 7.30pm, 100pm, 2.30pm and 7.30pm 7.30pm. 140mins. CAROUSEL: Joanna Riding and Michael Hayden star in a thumphant revival of the Rodgers & Hammanstein latground musical. Mational (Lyttation), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Mon-Sat, 7,30pm, mets Tues, Sat, 2,15pm, 180mins.

THE COMEDY OF ERRORS: lan Judge's sublimely funny production 's sublimely tunny production, wit winning Desmond Sent playing both portly twins.

Barbican, Sik Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today-Sat, 7.15pm, Wed, Sat, mat 2pm. 145mms.

THE GIFT OF THE GORGON: Poler Shaffer's latest bloodthinsty revenge versus lorgiveness on a modern Greek island. Deep issues, tily treament though Judi Dench is powerful.

The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, tomorrow, 71

HAY FEVER: Very lunny performance: Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-887 1115). Mon-Sat, Spm, mats, Thurs, Sat, Spm, 150mins IT FRUNS IN THE FAMILY: Larks in the

NEW RELEASES

◆ THE BODYGUARD (15): Kevin Costner as the bodyguard who talls for his showbiz charge (Whitney Houston). Jumbled drama, from a 1975 Lawrence Kastlen script. Director, Mick Jackson Caunden Periksway (U71-287 7034) Empire (U71-497 9999) MiGM Fulber Road (U71-370 2636) MiGM Haymarfort (U71-836 1627) MiGM Oxford Street (U71-836 U310) MiGM ro (071-434 0031) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332). OEATH BECOMES HER (PG):

CURRENT • BEAUTY AND THE BEAST (U): sed with skilled animation and blessed with skilled animation and attractive songs that might have sprung from a Broadway musical. Directors, Gary Trousdale, Krit Wise.
Barbican (071-438 8891) Cuszon West End (071-439 4805) MiGM Chelson (071-432 5096) MiGM Tottenham Court Road (071-438 6145) MiGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeons: Kenshigton (0426 914696) Migczanine (0426 915681)

CHAPLIN (12). A skilled impersonation by Robert Downey Jr., but Richard Altenborough's bitly biographical epic never penetrates far inside the man or his carear. Odeon Leicester Square (0426 915883).

◆ COOL WORLD (12). Franetic. suffocating mixed media eventse from animation's wild man Ralph Bakshi. With Gabriel Byrne, Kim Basinger, Brad

Pit. MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2835) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031). THE CRYING GAME (18): IRA ◆ THE CRYING GAMIE (18): IRA gurman becomes obsessed with a hostage's gritheand. Bold, powerful Neil Jorden film that fatters at the close. Stars Stephen Real. Forest Whitalers, Jaye Deviction, Miranda Richardson. Cheisea (071-351 3742/3743) Curzon Phoenix (071-340 967) Bright Penton Street (071-930 0631).

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Heather Alston

GEORGE MELLY: The singer, author and authority on modern art appears with John Chitron's Feetwarmers, Wil Romnie Scott's, 47 Frith Street, Wil (071-439 0747). Tonight - Jan 2, 9,30pm. GLENN MILLER CRCHESTRA: The

crchestra under John Watson performs Germ Miler lavountes including in the Mood, Little Brown Jug and Chattanooga Choo Choo. Barbican, Sik Street, EC2 (071-638 6881). Toright, 7.30pm REGIONAL

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: The

Royal Shakespeers Company has The Winter's Tale in the main house

with John Nettles as Laontes, the jealous

husbend who suspects his wife Hermione of intidelity. Meanwhile, All's Well That Ends Well, the story of old world romance, is at the Swan Thesire.

the action in a huge set.

Countyperd, West Yorkshire Playhouse,
County Hell Mount, (US32 442111).

Today, tomorrow, 3pm, 7pm. Variously
et 1.45pm, 3pm and 7pm until Jan 9. LIVERPOOL: The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra with John Bradbury, violin, performs a selection Viennese music including Strauss's Emparor Waltz and The Stite Danutic and Lehar's wellz, Gold and Silver. Philharmonie Hell, Hope Street, (051-709 3789). Tonight, 7.30pm.

ABERDEEN: The king of palm wine gutar music, S.E. Rogle, offers fine, rootsy African rhythms. Lesson: Tree, 5 West North Street,

MANCHESTER: Reunlied with the Invisible Girls, John Cooper-Clarke the geunt northern poet and anger plays a

home town grg. Band on the Wall, 25 Swan Street, (061-832 0183), Tonight, 8 30pm.

LEEDS: Granny and the Gorilla, or

"The Great Ape Escape" described as a heavy leavy story. For children of seven and upwards, who sit in the middle of

(0224-642230), Tonight, 7pm

THEATRE GUIDE

my Kingston's assessmen nextre showing in London

outreged; doctors flummoned. Ray Cooney farce with loss of laughs. Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Fri, 8pm. Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 13Smins.

AN IDEAL HUSBAND: Anna Certeret, Hanneh Gordon and Martin Shaw in Wilde's "insider dealing" melodrama. Some deted assumptions but stylethy

done. Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065), Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 165mms. KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN:

KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN: Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb massical, it coersens the values of Menuel Pulg's novel but Chita Rivera makes a striking variety. Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-579 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 180mins. LOST IN YOMICERS: Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon correctly more weighty then usual. Maureen Lipman gives good. vetue as a loopy sunt. Strand, Akwych, WC2 (071-830 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat,

MUSERY: Sharon Gless and Bill Paterson in American grand guignot, hopeless characterisation for Stephen Criterion, Piccedilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488), Mon-Set, 8pm, mets Wed, 3pm, Set, 4pm, 150mms.

2.30pm, 160mms.

OUR SONG: Peter O'Toole in Kelth Waterhouse's play about a menopausal male's infatuation with a young woman. Neetly done though we only hear the man's point of view.

Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8.15pm, Sat, 8pm and 8.45pm. 135mins.

PINCHY KOBI AND THE SEVEN

Tricycle, 269 Kilbum High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat,

RADIO TIMES: Tony Sistery in a fun trip down Memory Lane, set in wertime Broadcasting House, bursting with sprightly Noel Gay rumbers. Gueen's, Shafasbury Avenue, W1 (071-494-5040). Mon-Frt, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat, 4.30pm. Istroles

THREE BIRDS ALIGHTING ON A FIELD: Harrist Walter periat: again in revival of this subtle, comic state-of-the-reston play, set in a world of shriting values and plummeting art-prices. Royal Court, Sciene Square, SW1 (071-73) 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Set, 4pm, 150mms. TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT: Smoo

TRAVELS WITH MY ADMT: Smon Cadel, John Wells, Fichard Kane, Christopher Gee play at 26 parts in Gles Haverga's manvellous adaptation of Graham Greene's movel. Wyndham's, Chering Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116), Mon-Fri, 8pm, Set, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 8pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins.

LONG RUNNERS: Blood Brothers:

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Phoenix (071-857 1044)
Buddy: Victoria Palaco (071-834
1317)... Cammen Jones: Old Vic (071928 7816)... Cattle New London (071405 0072)... The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged).
Arts Theatre (071-836
132)... Denneing at Lughnesse:
Gerick (071-484 5085)
Don't Dress for Dinner: Duchess (071-484 5070)... Five Gays Named Most Lyric (071-484 5045)
From a Jack to a King: Ambassadors (071-838 8111)
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dresmoost: Palacium (071-494 5037)... Me and My Girl: Adelph (071-836 7811). Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909)... Mises Salgon: Theatre Royal, Druy Lane (071-484 500)... The Blousetrap:
St Martin's (071-836 1443)... The Phantom of the Operat-Her Mejesty's (071-494 500)... Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299)... Startight Express: Apolo Victoria (071-828 8865)
The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2836). en in Black: Fortune (071-

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol +) on release across the country Check with cinemas for opening times over holiday period

◆ DEATH BELOSIES HER (PG): Maryl Streep and Goldle Hawn bett attain eternal youth. Ice-cold black comedy, ultimately swamped by special effects. Stars Bruce Wills; director, Robert Zemadids. Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Empire (071-497 9999) MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) MGM Fullham Road (071-370 2636) MGM ro (071-434 0031) UCI

eys (071-792 3332) ◆ HOME ALONE 2: LOST IN NEW YORK (PG): More of the same, with extra crudity and a horrid new streak of sentimentality. With Macaulay Culidn. Joe Peaci, Daniel Stem. Director, Chris

Barbican (771-638 8891) MGM Satrocan (077-538 8997) Bright Chelses (077-532 8999) MGM Codord Street (071-636 0310) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914686) Marble Arch (0426 914501) West End (0426 915574) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

INTO THE WEST (PG): Two gypsy children ride a mysterious white horse into western freland. Waywerd but engaging; good for older children. Stars Cabriel Byrne, Elien Berlan. Director, Mike Newal.

Odeon Haymariost (0426 915353). OF MICE AND MEN (PG)
Steinbeck's classic Depression tale of Statistics of Sussic Depression tase of frendship and Innocence. John Malkovich as the slow-witted Lermis; director Gary Sinise as his protector. Simple, sturdy and moving. Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

◆ THE MUPPET CHRISTMAS CAROL (U): Successful blend of

Dickens' story with Muppet madness. Starring Michael Caine as Scrooge; Kernat as Bob Cratchit. Director, Brian

Kemint as Bob Creicht. Director, Brian Henson.
Camden Pariousy (071-267 7034)
MGM Balser Street (071-935 9772)
MGM Chelsea (071-935 2598) MGM Haymarfost (071-939 1527) MGM Cadord Street (071-636 9310) MGM Trocadero (071-636 9310) MGM Trocadero (071-636 9310) MGM Mezzanine (0426 91683) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332). ◆ PETER'S FRIENDS (15): College

pals meet up after a decade for a grib meaure of laughter and lears. Kenneth Branagh directs Emma Thompson, Stephen Fry, Rita Rucher and himself. Londina (071-836 0591) MCM Cheises (071-352 5095) MiGN Tottenham Court Road (071-438 6148) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Piaza (071-987 9895) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

THE PRINCESS AND THE GOBLIN (U): Blandly animated edition of George MacDonald's Victorian classes about a sheltered princess combatting goblins. Director, Jozsef Gernes. Odeon Kensington (0426 914866).

 SISTER ACT (PG): Whoop!
Goldberg hides out in a convent.
Continued but disarming, warm-hearted comedy. Maggie Smith as the Mother Superior. Director, Emile Ardolino.
MGM Basker Street (071-935-9772)
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e STRICTLY BALLROOM (PG)* One dancer's fight to dely the rules of the Australian Ballroom Dancing Federation. Ebullent, introducting debut by director Baz Luhrmann. With Paul Mercurio, Tara Morios.

MGM Chelsee (071-352 5096) MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Odeone: Kensingsher (0426 915683) Plaza (071-497 9399) Remoir (071-837 8402).

TELEVISION REVIEW: Lynne Truss on a jolly silly programme about Enid Blyton

Graphic tale with no obvious point

WHEN Enid Blyton was a little girl, forgive his wife for kissing another she had a horrid Mummy. This man in a computer-generated flat in Mummy was not only plain of feature. drab of apparel and faintly workingclass (poor Emid!) but had a manner of speaking which made her sound just like a villainous adult character in a badly imagined children's book! One day, when she had cruelly disposed of Chippy. Enid's beloved pet kitten, Mummy bellowed, "I've enough to do keeping this house clean and tidy without having my work undone by your filthy stray." Mummy's head was in the fireplace at the time, incidentally. She was probably blacking the grate. It's the sort of thing nasty Mummies in bad books often find

themselves doing.
Saturday night's Bookmarke Sunny
Stories (BBC2) clearly wanted to say
something jolly clever about Enid
Blyton's fictional blandness, and to demonstrate how the author shut out all nastiness (such as Mummy) by choosing to inhabit a personal fairy world thickly wooded with nice things that ended in exclamation marks(!). But unfortunately (Oh dear!) it chose some jolly uninteresting devices with which to do it. First, you see, we had all the action (the talking heads as well as the dramatised bits) taking place against false, bright computer-generat-ed settings, and accompanied by larky Miss Marple-type musical themes. And second, we had these really awful scenes (see the Curse of the Mummy, above) carefully written to sound like things that never happened! Thus, when Enid's first husband

town), he walked to the station along a computer-generated road, posed in a reflective attitude of farewell, and then disappeared on a little toy train, which hurtled off into the night with a furious rat-tat-tat-tat. Look, there he goes! Such fun. (If this is sophisticated irony, by the way, I am Claudine at St Clare's.)

It was a shame about all this graphics hocus-pocus, because it detracted from Maureen Lipman's good performance as the obsessional story-teller, and didn't give you time to think. Here was a writer of phenomenal output (more than 700 books), who had a fantastic knack of telling stories. straight off, with no perceptible inter-vention of the little grey cells. Surely it would have been worth a couple of minutes' consideration to establish whether this made her a genius. Taptap-tap-tap she went, without pause, in a single day producing ten thousand words (not all of them different, of course). Truman Capote once remarked of a fellow American writer, "That's not writing, it's typing." Enid Blyton, interestingly, would not have seen any distinction. The questions you might have

expected the programme to answer hardly got a look in. Was Enid Blyton's writing really racist? Or sexist? How bad (or good) a writer was she? At one point, admittedly, Maureen Lipman was called to the dock with Noddy, and cross-examined about gollies by a toy fox, but such whimsy was honestly so ghastly it is better to draw a veil. What one learned from this programme was



Cross-examined about gollies: Lipman in the dock with Noddy

happiness, and lied to herself. Of her daughters, one was happy, the other miserable. But on the famous literary accusations — that her stuff is superficial and doesn't stretch the mind; that

that Blyton kept up a façade of it condescendingly expresses a smug middle-class culture - well, this programme was hardly in a position to throw stones, was it children? And as for its own use of exclamation-marks -

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DANCE: Nadine Meisner reviews two casts in this year's Christmas offering from English National Ballet

Exotic guests enliven a

OVER recent years we have seen many unfamiliar names collected into the higher ranks of English National Ballet: unfamiliar names that only sometimes become familiar. They tend to disappear again, without having made much impact.

decided to leave her (nobody can

One familiar name, though, is Ben Stevenson, the choreographer responsible for three full-length productions in London City Ballet and ENB's current repertoires. LCB is performing his Romeo and Juliet at Sadler's Wells: ENB has Cinderella and have now launched their second Christmas of his Nutcracker at the Festival Hall. With it comes another roster of new and mysterious international recruits: dancers from Spain (Trinidad Vives); Croatia (Irena Pasaric); and Hungary (Tamas Solymosi).

In this Nutcracker, Drosselmeyer appears less prominent, but performs some neat conjuring tricks. The party guests are scrupulously portrayed, each performer given a distinct identity to enact (or in this case overact). Jokes

traditional festive feast bristle from every

The Nutcracker corner: characters Festival Hall keep falling over; soldier-mice arrive

with a stretcher to carry off one of their wounded; pastry cooks with cherubs' wings inhabit the Kingdom of Sweets, a rococo heaven for the young at heart and sweet of tooth. This is also the Nutcracker where the

Prince has three ladies to look after: young Clara, who dreams the ballet's fantasy; the Sugar Plum Fairy; and a Snow Queen who also gets to dance a pas de deux with him. In the last role, Josephine Jewkes, a long-established dancer in the company, looked capable but stern on Tuesday; Trinidad Vives, on Wednesday, appeared more alluring. She has a generous smile and firm

ly presented in the rather old-fashioned manner that es-

chews the vertiginous extensions and conceals the effort being made rather than displaying it. Vives also danced the Sugar Plum

Fairy in the Tuesday cast; while on Wednesday it was Irena Pasaric who took that role. Pasaric presented a lavishly hilting style with many musical emphases of the head and arms that "sang". This beamed out grace, but equally a certain tweeness, not helped by the tiara and dowdy chignon designated for the role.

Tamas Solymosi, who played her Prince, has a familiar surname. His brother is Zoltan, the Royal Ballet's

dashing romantic lead. They do not, however, share the same physique: where Zoltan is tall with bulk. Tamas's tallness is coupled with long, slim limbs. Standing in careful posturings with refined flourishes, he suggested the elegant danseur noble: a shame that when he started dancing he should reveal a hit-and-miss technique with untidy finishes. But he showed an impressive strength and sophistication as a partner. Young Christopher Powney, who exhibited even less control in the Prince's solos on Tuesday, still has to acquire those partnering skills.

This season brings a different Arabian number, a cumbersome entwining duet that certainly contains more steps than the previous version; but choreography has never been Stevenson's forte. Nevertheless, take your children to see the show. They will enjoy the jokes and Desmond Heeley's cosy designs. complete with pearlised glitter on the snowy landscapes, just like a traditional Christmas card.

CONCERT: Stephen Pettitt joins a large audience for an impressive evening of Renaissance vocal music

A BOMB scare on the underground severely impeded my passage to the Tallis Scholars' Christmas concert. Only because of the magnificent efforts of a nippy taxi-driver called Graham (due acknowledgement was promised him) was I able to hear the Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei of Thomas Tallis's lovely seven-voice Missa Puer natus est nobis, albeit only via the speakers outside the hall. This great, euphonous work, only relatively recently rescued from its fragmented state, though still with its Credo missing, is thought to have been performed in the old St Paul's Cathedral on Advent Sunday in 1554, to celebrate the union of Mary Tudor and Philip of Spain and the absolution of England by Cardinal Pole. The effect here seemed suitably ceremonial and atmospheric,

the blend of voices as lovely as ever.

Come the interval and one thing became plain as the people poured out: the Tallis Scholars have successfully

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cultivated an impressive following. Who could have imagined ten years

at is a highly refined, chamber music-

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others in different fields. Some, however, have come to balk at the somewhat monochromatic sound of such choirs, and in this fiercely dry acoustic one could sympathise with such a view. But what the Tallis Scholars' director, Peter Phillips, aims

like approach, heard at its best here in Josquin's starkly exquisite four-voice Âve

ago that a group specialising in such ostensibly arcane music would have filled this hall? They are proof that the surest way to gather a public is to work solidly with art of the highest quality. There are no gimmicks; a lesson for others in different fields. terrifying for the singer responsible — would hold the piece together. Philippe Verdelot's Beata es virgo/Ave Maria returned us to the lavish seven-voice texture of the Tallis mass, and of his busy Whitsuntide respond, Loquebantur variis linguis, which had introduced the evening on a curiously unseasonal note. The linely-judged

sonorities of Verdelor's setting, spread over a wide pitch range, contributed much to its emotional power. Then the antiphonal exchanges in Victoria's double-choir Ave Maria setting (adding yet another voice-part) supplied a measure of drama to a work of supreme and devout intensity.

After this we returned to England, first to William Byrd's touching fivepart Luliabve, given a beautifully turned reading, and then to a new reconstruction by David Skinner, made possible by the emergence recently of most of one of the two missing parts, of Tallis's expansive antiphon, Ave Dei patris filia. This is demonstrably an early piece, its style a legacy from the extravagant late medieval flourishing represented in the music of the Eton Choirbook. Its lavish melismas, culminating in a quite magnificent "Amen", were relished by a group in whose blood such music naturally courses.

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in pounds sterling. The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing Capcount Trading's appeal by way of case stated against the decision on January 3, 1991 of Mr R. H. Viddows, a special commissioner. as to the method of computation of a loss sustained on the disposal of shares in a Canadian company which were purchased and sold for Canadian dollars.

Mr Andrew Park, QC, for the ompany, Mr Nicholas Warren for

LORD JUSTICE NOLAN said that the subject matter of the dispute between the parties was a

Re Croft and Hagan

[Judgment December 15]

Justice Pill

Before Lord Justice Rose and Mr

It could not be argued that paragraph o(1) of Schedule I to the Extradition Act 1989 meant that a

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for extradition had the same power

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aid had been revoked for non-

payment of contributions could not

tion 11(1) of the Legal Aid Crim-

inal and Care Proceedings (General) Regulations (SI 1989

No 344) but had to apply under

regulation 10 to the court at trial.

The Queen's Bench Divisional

Court so held in a reserved judgment in dismissing applica-

tions for judicial review brought by Andrew Shacklady against a de-

Finestein, Liverpool Deputy Stipendiary Magistrate and the

clerk to the Liverpool City Justices

Budgment November 27]

commit for crown court trial.

Canadian company. It was common ground that the loss qualified for relief in computing the company's liability to corporation tax on its chargeable

Although the purchases and sales of shares which gave rise to the loss were effected for prices in Canadian dollars, the loss had to be translated into sterling for United Kingdom my purposes United Kingdom tax purposes. The question was how the transla-

tion should be carried out. The company said that it should be done by deducting the dollar sale price from the dollar cost and translating the resulting sum into sterling at the spot rate prevailing at the date of disposal.

The Revenue said that it should be done by translating the dollar purchase price and the dollar sale price into sterling at the spot rates prevailing at, respectively, the date of purchase and the date of sale, and deducting the sterling equivalent of the sale price from the sterling equivalent of the purchase

Regret at time taken to hear

extradition challenge

were brought before him charged with an indictable offence commit-

ted in England or Wales."

Mr Edward Fitzgerald for the

applicants; Mr David Paget for the

United States government.

LORD JUSTICE ROSE said

the applications arose in relation to

a decision of a metropolitan stipen-

diary magistrate who as long ago as May 15, 1991 on the applica-

tion of the US government

committed the applicants to be

Although the applicants had since been on bail it was a matter of

regret that it had taken 19 months

for the case to come before the

court. The major part of the delay

had been due to the increased

burden on the court resulting from

the lack of sufficient judges to do

It seemed to his Lordship that

unless the Divisional Court could

give a swift answer in such a case it

Re-applying for legal aid

after its revocation

and by Kevin Pender against a

decision of the clerk to the

Liverpool City Justices refusing them legal aid for representation

Mr Stephen Knapp for Shacklady, Mr Paul Epstein for Pender, Mr Ian Burnett for Mr

Finestein and the clerk to the

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM

said that the form and wording of

the Legal Aid Act 1988 and the

1989 Regulations was consistent

only with a legislative intention

that a person who wished to re-apply for legal aid after revocation of a grant of representation had to

do so under regulation 10 and

could not re-apply under regula-

Their Lordships had been

pressed by Mr Burnett to consider

the administrative nightmare which might ensue if after revoca-

tion a person could re-apply to the clerk of the justices who was busily

tion 11(1).

in proceedings in court.

the work.

duced by the two methods. If the company was right the loss amounted to £16,063,632; if the Revenue were right it was £3,146,683.

Substantially the same question had arisen in Bentley v Pike ((1981) 53 TC 590) although the issue did not appear to have been fully explored before Mr Justice Vinelatt

In contending that Mr Justice Vinelott had arrived at the wrong conclusion, Mr Park urged the court to construe the relevant provisions of the Finance Act 1965 in the light of the views expressed by the courts in recent years towards the relationship between sterling and foreign currencies.

Mr Park relied in particular upon the judgments given by the Court of Appeal in a tax case, Pattison v Marine Midland Ltd ((1983) 57 TC 219) which was decided after Bentleyv Pike and, in Mr Park's submission, was inconsistent with it. consistent with it.

His Lordship's preferred the simple and straightforward read-ing of the legislation for which the

public was entitled to expect.

The applicants were formerly nembers of a religious community

founded by Bagwan Shri Rainees

which in 1980 had established its

world headquarters in Antelope, Oregon, renaming the town Rajneeshpuram.

The allegation against the ap-plicants was that they had been

parties to a conspirary in 1985 to murder a lederal district attorney.

interalia, that there had been such

an abuse of process as to preclude committal for extradition.

Pentonville Prison, Ex parte Sin-clair (The Times April 16, 1991;

[1991] 2 AC 64) and Alves v DPF

[1992] 4 All ER 787) that sub-

Solicitors: Andrew McCooey & Co. Sittingbourne: CPS,

engaged in trying to enforce payment under Schedule 3 to the

His Lordship would prefer to

base any support for his interpreta-

tion of the regulations and the Act

on the apparently pointless nature of an exercise of determining all

over again, and on the basis of the

same information, the criteria for

the grant of legal aid and the

imposition of a contribution order

which the applicant had failed to

While his Lordship leant heavily against the imposition of addi-

tional administrative burdens on

those already overburdened. Mr

Burnett's argument imputed to Parliament and its draftsmen a

ensitivity not always apparent in

Mr Justice Tudor Evans agreed.

Interview

results

unreliable

When a suspect had been inter-viewed in the presence of a solicitor-and had made no admissions, police officers would seldom be justified in re-interviewing him without his solicitor in respect of the same matter, especially where the suspect was on the borderline of sub-normality.

of sub-normality.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lioyd, Mr Justice Latham and Mrs Justice Smith) so stated on December 3 in allowing an appeal by Mark Marshall against his conviction in February 1991 at Reading Crown Court (Mr Recorder Roberts) of arson.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said

that the course the second inter-

view had taken was deceptive as the police officers' questions al-tered rapidly between questions as to some trivial offences of their on

the one hand and questions as to the more serious offence of arson on the other.

There were grave doubts about the reliability of the appellant's confession in the second interview.

particularly in view of the fact that his account of the fire did not

square with the objective facts.

The purpose and justification of

the second interview was not clear

and in all the circumstances the

Regina v Marshall

of sub-normality.

ission was unarguable

Mr Justice Pill agreed.

In the light of R v Governor of

Mr Fitzgerald had submitted,

that for the purposes of the tax on capital gains foreign currency was not money but was an asset.

Therefore when the company acquired the Canadian shares for Canadian dollars it gave a consideration in money's worth which fell to be valued in sterling terms for the purposes of computing both the gain, if any, on the disposal of dollars and the cost of acquisition of the shares.

By the same token, when the shares were sold for Canadian dollars, the consideration for United Kingdom tax purposes was not money, but another asset whose value fell to be translated into sterling terms for the purpose of computing the gain or loss on the disposal of the shares.

Putting the matter more broadly, the capital gains tax which formed the basis of the corporation tax on chargeable gain was a tax measured on differences computed in pounds steding and in no other way.

Was that conclusion inconsistent with the decision in Pattison v

the company's argument that if a trader's UK tax liability was to be determined by first calculating his profits, or losses, in the foreign currency in which he had traded and then converting it into ster-ling, the same approach should be adopted for capital gains tax DUMDOSES.

That argument could not, however, prevail against the specific provisions of the capital gains tax egislation. Moreover, income tax legislation, unlike capital gains tax legislation, was not generally concerned with the measurement of a gain or loss on a single disposal but with a balance at the year end computed on accounting prin-

ciples. His Lordship was unable to regard the Marine Midland de-cision as affording a guide to the construction of the capital gains tax provisions which were determinative of the present case. Lord Justice Staughton gave

concurring judgment and Lord Justice Mann agreed. Solicitors: Freshfields; Solicitor

of an agreement was final and conclusive and there was no power

in the court to rectify that agree-ment even if the proper conditions

His Lordship could see no reason why the ordinary law of contract should not apply to such

agreements as to any other

The effect of a concluded agree-ment under section 54 was that it

should be final and conclusive but

that did not mean that the court was not entitled to look to see

whether all the ingredients nec

essary for the formation of a proper

contract had been complied with.

Solicitors: Linklaters & Paines;

Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Final tax agreement subject to contract provision of section 54 and section 46(2) of the 1970 Act. the signing

Regina v Richart (Inspector Taxes). Ex parte Bass Holdings Ltd Regina v Money (Inspector of

Taxes), Ex parte Bass Holdings Ltd Richart and Another (Inspec-tors of Taxes) v Bass Hold-

ings Ltd Before Mr Justice Pooplewell

[Judgment December 4] An agreement made pursuant to section 54 of the Taxes Manage

ment Act 1970 between a taxpayer and a tax inspector was final and conclusive but subject to the ordinary law of contract.

Mr Justice Popplewell so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division when Thus capacity, fraud, mistake, and such like matters seemed to his giving judgment for the plaintiffs, Edward John Richart and Doug-Lordship to be available to a party who sought to challenge the agree las George Freeman Money (Inspectors of Taxes), on a sum-mons issued in the Chancery ment on one or more grounds. In the sense that the agreement was res judicata of the issues which Division against Bass Holdings Ltd, seeking a declaration and it determined, it was clearly final and conclusive, but that did not mean that the ordinary rules rectification that on the true governing the formation construction of the agreement made between the inspectors and Bass Holdings chargeable profits contract were deemed to have been complied with. for its accounting period ending September 1982 were agreed to be The agreement was accordingly recrified by deleting the figure of group relief so as to accord with £66.030.816, and that the taxhat the parties intended, namely payers' appeal against the assessment was determined accordingly. to deduct group relief once.

The action was heard in the Oueen's Bench Division with an application, based on the same facts, by Bass Holdings by way of judicial review of the decision of the tax inspectors of November 9, 1990 to institute proceedings before the general commissioners or the special commissioners, and of a request dated November 12, 1990 by the inspector of taxes to the clerk to the general commissioners that he should list for hearing by the general commis-

Mr David Goldberg, QC and Mr John Walters for the taxpayer; Mr Alan Moses, QC and Mr Launcelot Henderson for the Rev-

MR JUSTICE POPPLEWELL Solicitors: E. Rex Makin & Co, Liverpool; R. M. Broudle & Co, Liverpool; Treasury Solicitor. said that it was the taxpayer's contention that by the combined

Duckboard to be properly maintained

Harper v Mander and Germain Ltd

A duckboard was a floor or at least a passage or gangway within the meaning of section 28(!) of the Factories Act 1961 so that it had to be properly maintained and kept free as far as was possible from any substance which was likely to cause a person to slip.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice Steyn and Lord Justice Hoffmann) so held on October 22 when allowing the appeal of Mr George Harper, an experienced marble polisher, from the dismissal by Mr Justice Macpherson on May 16, 1991 of his claim for personal injuries resulting from an accident suffered in the course of his employment with Mander and Germain Ltd at their marble processing and polishing factory in south-west London.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said that if it was once established that an employee's accident had been caused by an accumulation of slippery paste on the duckboard, his employers were prima facie in breach of their statutory duty unless they pleaded and proved that it was not reasonably practicable to keep the duckboard free all times from a dispersional free

appeal would be allowed. Whether interview was voluntary

Regina v Geddis

Whether or not it was right to allow a final interview to be put in evidence when a preceding interview, ruled inadmissible, might have had such an effect upon a person being interviewed that it could no longer be said that the final interview was participated in voluntarily by that person, had inevitably to depend upon the particular circumstances of the case under consideration.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Watkins. Mr Justice Leonard and Mr Justice Alliott) so ard and Mr Justice Allicity so stated on October 29 in dismissing an appeal by Spencer Geddis against his conviction at Maid-stone Crown Court (Judge Waley, QC and a jury) for having a firearm or imitation firearm with intent and for robbery.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that having looked at both the interviews their Lordships could not see how the argument could be sustained that there had been something said or done by the police to the appellant which made him expect some future favour or which put him in fear and thus in a frame of mind which no longer allowed it to be said that he was freely and voluntarily answering questions put to him by the police.

There was nothing in the judge's ruling that the second interview was admissible about which proper complaint could be made.

Council not liable over fire in house for homeless

Ephraim v Newham London Borough Council Before Lord Justice Glidewell, Lord Justice Nolan and Lord

Pudgment December 18]

A local authority was not negligent in failing to have a system of inspecting properties to be used as bed and breakfast accommodation, including their fire precautions, before advising homeless persons to seek housing there

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by Newham London Borugh Council from a decision of Mr Desmond Perrett, QC, sitt as a deputy High Court judge (The Times January 24, 1992) whereby he had held the defendants liable the plaintiff, Miss Louisa Ephraim, in damages for injuries she had received in a fire at a lodging house.
Section 365 of the Housing Act

1985 provides: "(1) If it appears to the local housing authority that a house in multiple occupation is not provided with such means of escape from fire as the authority consider necessary, the authority may exercise such of their powers ... (to require execution of works

... and ... to secure that part of a house not used for human habitation) as appear to them most "(2) The authority shall so exercise those powers if a house is of

such a description or is occupied in

such manner as the secretary of state may specify by order."

By virtue of the Housing (Consequential Provisions) Act 1985, the Housing (Means of Escape from Fire in Houses in Authority Comparison) Order (SI

Multiple Occupation) Order (S1 1981 No 1576) had effect as if made under section 365(2) of the

2: "(2) The houses referred to ... are those which comprise at least three storess...

In respect of the unintentionally homeless not in priority need the 1985 Act provides by section 65: (4) They shall furnish [her] with advice and such assistance as they consider appropriate in the circumstances in any attempts ishel may make to secure that accommodation becomes available for [her] occupation."

Mr Edwin Glasgow, QC and Mr Henry de Lotbiniere for the plaintiff; Mr Maurice Kay, QC and Mr John Bate-Williams for

JUSTICE LORD GLIDEWELL, giving the judg-ment of the court, said that in August 1986 the plaintiff was interviewed by a member of the defendants' staff who concluded that she and her sister were unintentionally homeless but not

in priority need. He referred them to a lodging house from a list in his possessi ascendined from the person in charge that if they could not be accommodated there, alternative accommodation might be arranged at 233 Browning Road,

Manor Park, London. That was a two-storcy lodging house in multiple occupation bu the officer referring them had no knowledge of those details. The sisters subsequently accepted accommodation there.

Early in the morning of October 3, 1986 a fire started in the room of one of the other lodgers which quickly spread and the plaintiff awoke to find her bed and clothing

She received severe burns which would affect her for the rest of her life. Evidence was given for the plaintiff that if the house had been made reasonably sale for multioccupation she would have been able to escape without injury.

In 1986 a local housing authority had the power under sec-tion 365 of the 1985 Act to require the execution of works or to secure human habitation under section 366 and 368 in relation to twostoried houses, but had no duty to take such steps. Newharn were therefore under no statutory duty under that part of the 1985 Act in relation to 233 Browning Road.

From the fact that the plaintiff sought and relied on the advice of Newham in obtaining the accommodation, their Lordships concluded that there was a sufficient degree of provinity between her degree of proximity between her and Newham to satisfy one of the prerequisites of a duty of care. The question that remained was

whether it was fair, just and reasonable that the law should impose on Newham a duty to take reasonable care that the premises concerned were reasonably sale, especially in relation to fire.

The secretary of state and local housing authorities were better equipped than the courts to know at what point to turn the power given by the provisions of a statute

into a duty.

Their Lordships would therefore hold that Newham were not under such a duty as was held by the judge in relation to two-storied houses in multiple occupation. It was fair, just and reasonable that local housing authorities should be under no higher duty than that imposed by the statute under section 365 when seeking to give advice to the homeless under

Solicitors: L Watmore & Co.

Crown court centres for serious and complex fraud trials

Practice Direction (Criminal Justice Act 1987: Crown Court Centres)

The places of trial for cases of serious and complex fraud transferred to the crown court were specified in a Practice Direction handed down by Lord Taylor. Lord Chief Justice, in the Supreme Court on December 16.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that with the concurrence of the Lord Chancellor and pursuant to section 75(1) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 he made with effect from January 1, 1993 the

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the place of trial for cases of serious and complex fraud transferred to the crown court under the Criminal Justice Act 1987.

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Newcastle, Sheffield, Teesside,

Northern: Liverpool.

Stafford, Wolverhampton. North Eastern: Bradford, Leeds,

South Eastern: Aylesbury, Central Criminal Court, Chelmsford, Guildford, Isleworth, Knightsbridge, Maidstone, Middlesex Guildhall, Norwith, Snaresbrook, Southwark, Wood Green.

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Hidden perks of holding company shares

SOME shareholders make it a matter of honour to turn up at an annual meeting for the feasting and drinking that follows. Since, these days, they are more likely to be greeted with coffee and biscuits than poached salmon, a new strategy is called for.

A surprising number of listed companies offer discounts and perks to shareholders. Even one share in Iceland Frozen Foods buys £1 off the cost of an average shopping basket. Anyone with 200 shares in Thorntons gets £1 off a box of chocolates --- a fiver if you spend more than £20 and shares in Merrydown Wine will buy a 20 per cent discount on a case of vintage

cider or country wine.

Then again, they might choke on their food and drink. Poor summer chocolate sales sent Thorntons' shares sliding from about 200p in March, although they are now back at 188p. Merrydown's shares fell 43p to 255p in September, on fears about competition from cheaper cider brands. The shares are now at 260p. Only Iceland seems to be gunning ahead. The shares stood at 505p in August and had risen to 625p by Christmas.

Sketchley, the dry deaning and textile rental group, gives 25 per cent discounts for most cleaning services to holders of 1,000 shares. The shares have see-sawed since the company was brought back from the brink of collapse two years ago

and are hovering near 101p. Then there are the blue chips. Even one share in the Savoy group buys 10 per cent off accommodation at Cla-ridge's, The Berkeley, The Lygon Arms, The Lancaster in Paris, and The Savoy, where single rooms start at £158. British Airways gives a 10 per cent discount on published fares or 5 per cent off BA holi-days to holders of 200 shares.

Five hundred shares in Austin Reed buy 15 per cent off clothing, shoes and sporting goods. Asprey, the Bond Street jeweller, offers a 15 per cent discount on most cash buys by Asprey Card — with a slight catch. Devotees must hold 5,062 shares, currently valued at 285p, setting them back about £14,400.

The list goes on. Buy 1,000 shares in Barratt Develop-ments (cost: £970) and the company will knock £500 off new or part-exchanged house. Buy 20 shares in the unquoted North Norfolk Railway and receive two second class journeys on the company's five-mile line between Sheringham and Holt in Norfolk

Trafalgar House offers 15 per cent off selected cruises on the QE2 to holders of 500 shares - current value: £420. Ladbroke Group offers 10 per cent off standard room rates and meals and drinks at Hilton International hotels. Lonrho offers a generous 30 per cent discount on accommodation at the Merville Beach Hotel, Mauritius, reducing the price of a superior single room from £120 to £84.
Shareholders are also entitled to 25 per cent on rooms at Metropole hotels in the UK. Eligibility requires 100 shares,

currently valued at £770. One of the most popular perks of all is unlikely to survive the new year. Share-holders of Ranks Hovis McDougall, the milling, baking and groceries group, have for years been turning up at the annual meeting for their sample packs of Mr Kipling cakes and other goodies. Greg Hutchings, of Tomkins, which is digesting RHM after its successful takeover bid, will have no time for such frivolity.

Seymour Pierce Butterfield. 24 Chiswell Street, London EC1Y 4TY, publishes its 1993 guide to shareholder discounts next month, price £5.

JON ASHWORTH

BIDING THE HOLLER COASTER MARKETON

Glimmers in the gloom of '92

The departing year has had its ups and downs for investors.

Michael Clark monitors them

n the run-up to Black Wednesday last Sep-tember, and the subsequent devaluation of the pound, it seemed that there would be precious few winners on the London stock market in 1992.

The equity market had been in decline throughout the summer after the brief flurry that marked the Conservatives' general election victory. It was clear from late May that the economists had been wrong and that the economy was still in deep recession.

Analysis were gloomy for much of the year, downgrad-ing profit estimates for all the major companies as the recession continued to take a heavy

Shrewd investors should have followed the old adage to buy at the bottom and sell at the top. But it seemed that, for much of 1992, few investors had spare money to invest in the equity market. Turnover for much of the year was depressingly low and it was almost inevitable that another round of job losses would

Dividend payments were also no longer taken for granted and, at one stage, it was estimated that one in ten of the top 250 companies was contemplating a cut in payments to shareholders.

Some brokers were forecasting a drop in the FT-SE 100 index to about 2,200. As it was, the index bottomed out at 2,281 in August, before recovering rapidly before Black Wednesday to close on Christmas eve on a high note at 2,827, a rise on the year of

13.5 per cent. Despite the difficulties of 1992, there were still a few healthy gains and investors were left in no doubt about the outright winners. One was Tanjong — Who! did I hear you say? - which soared 305 per cent to 405p.

Tanjong, a former tindredger, acquired Pan Malaysian Pools, the lottery com-pany, in 1991, and also manages the National Stud

However, its victory is hollow. The few shares available have been dealt on a matched bargain basis since April.

Investors had more of an opportunity to make a killing tainment, despite the fact the company loses its independent television broadcasting franchise this week.

The past few years have been a tale of woe for TVS shareholders following its acauisition of MTM, the American production company, which subsequently made

heavy losses. It looked as if their salvation was at hand, however, in the shape of the Rev Pat Robertson, the television evangelist, and his company, International Television Entertainment, which decided to make an offer of 23p a share for TVS, lifting the price 328 per

cent to 30p. Unfortunately, many share-holders were already sitting on a substantial trading loss, having seen the share price



Walls: sudden departure

touch more than 400p in The younger investor also had winners in Bluebird Toys and rival Sleepy Kids. climbing 294 per cent and 241 per cent respectively. Bluebird pleased the market by returning to the black with best-selling products such as the Big Red Fun Bus

and Sleepy Kids scored a coup by obtaining the rights to Budgie the Helicopter, a character created by the Duchess There was also good news for the late, lamented "young. upwardly mobile" as Filofax made a return to the black. helped by the company's new

of 192 per cent to 73p. The stores sector bought for its recovery poten-tial, having been one of the first affected by recession. Many investors still take the view that the economic recovery will be led by a revival of consumer spending. As a result, Next showed the first signs of promise after the departure of George Davis, the chairman and founder, while new management teams are also making their mark at Burton and

News International, publisher of The Times, enjoyed a 172 per cent rise.

HSBC Holdings, which owns the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, appears to have flourished after its bid for Midland Bank this year.

In contrast, Lasmo has suffered since the Ultramar takeover because of high debts, low oil prices and the need to make disposals. Lasmo did. however, succeed in making more than \$1.5 billion of disposal during the year.

But it was the recession that exacted the heaviest toll on profits and share prices. One of the worst affected

was British Aerospace, where the share price slumped 54 per cent.

British Aerospace's troubles had crystalised at the end of 1991, with the group asking shareholders to stump up £432 million as part of a rescue package that was quickly followed by a profits warning and the departure of Professor Sir Roland Smith as

City fund managers gave the issue a wide berth as the share price went into freefall. Not surprisingly, most of the issue was left in the hands of the underwriters. But the group's difficulties did not end

The share price continued to lose ground as British Aerospace plunged into the red, hitting an all-time low of 100p. The end of the cold war saw western governments cutting back on defence

Civilian airlines were going bust, hit hard by the worldwide economic slump that forced North West Airlines to cancel a major contract for the European Airbus.

Rover is the nearest thing to a success story for British Aerospace, but, like all car





manufacturers, it has found the going tough.
Thousands of jobs have

been shed and more are likely to go. BAe, no doubt, will be hoping for a better 1993. The electronics team at Henderson Crosthwaite, the stockbroker, has tipped it as its share of the year.

Another company subject to the chill winds of recession was Arjo Wiggins Appleton, the Anglo-French paper group. UBS Phillips & Drew, its stockbroker, cut its profit forecast at least three times during 1992. In May, shareholders had

departure of Stephen Walls, the chief executive, who had handled the demerger of the business from BAT Industries in 1990, and who engineered the subsequent merger with Arjomari-Prioux, of France.

he group's fortunes worsened along with the decline in the European economy. Price erosion and over-capacity in its coated and carbonless paper operations were behind a 27 per cent drop in interim pre-tax profits announced in September along with a warning that it was difficult to see any upturn in conditions during the next 18 months.

But what really rankled with the institutions was the decision to cut the dividend 20 per cent, despite the fact that a maintained dividend would have been more than twice

Queens Moat Houses, the fast growing hotel chain, is another casualty of recession. But the shares have also been staggering under the weight of the group's mounting debt level, leaving doubts about future prospects.

Boardroom rows resulting in the departure of Sam Smith, the chairman, left shareholders of Bimec Industries nursing hefty losses at the

Trafalgar House, the construction, property and shipping group that owns the Ritz hotel and the Cunard shipping line, will be glad to see

the back of 1992. The plunge in its share price left it vulnerable to takeover and Hong-kong Land Holdings took full advantage to buy a near-15 per cent stake in the group. Trafalgar remains vulnerable and wants to make disposals

BET, the industrial services group, grew strong by snapping up smaller companies during the boom. But it all turned sour during the slump. with profits falling sharply. In the past year, the group has disposed of about 18 businesses and is still looking for

to reduce debts.

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buyers for a further six. prices and weak African currencies all combined to take a heavy toll of Tiny Rowland's Lonrho, which has ended

Best and worst in the top 250 companies (by capi

1992 on another controversial

Meanwhile, profits at Lonrho are likely to fall sharp-

Rowland signalled that he may be ready to relinquish control of the group with the sale of half his 15 per cent holding to Dieter Bock, the German businessman. The

No doubt, the deal will have tions. But, after all, it is the

ly this year, with analysts estimating a pre-tax figure of £80 million, compared with £207 million last time. Borrowings have risen to nearly £1 billion.

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Downsizers and outsiders make it a stormy year on Wall Street

n America, it was the year of the outsider: an outsid-er won the presidential election, outsiders began flexing their muscles in big corporate boardrooms while white and blue collar workers ended the year outside the factory gates. And there is only an outside chance that next year

will be any better. Corporate coups were rife. Out went Robert Stempel. General Motor's boss, Nicholas Nicholas, Time Warner's co-chief executive, and James Robinson III as chief executive of American Express. Out went hundreds of thousands of jobs from the giants of America adjusting to the reality of recession, and presidentelect Bill Clinton, the man everyone had counted out until the final months, is about

to go to the White House. Wall Street heard some wrong numbers. GPA Group. Tony Ryan's airline leasing firm, pulled its \$1 billion share offer and the legendary Wang Laboratories filed for bankruptcy protection. Their own numbers were much more tuneful. Investment and trading profits surged on the back of a market that hit a peak in the summer and is likely to give much more of an eighties feel to brokers' year-

end bonuses Despite the frantic share buying great empires were carved up. The Canadian Reichmann brothers, whose Olympia & York Developments built more square feet than any other company, took most of year to find the right kind of numbers acceptable to their creditors but skilfully negotiated to keep their US operations out of the mire.

Berlitz and the Daily News in New York went to auction with the break-up of the late Robert Maxwell's US empire. Jaguar, Tiffany, Ratners and Rolls-Royce were all hit by the US luxury tax, and the poor showing of art buyers forced Christie's and Sotheby's to raise commission rates 50 per cent. The fresh income will come too late to help Alfred Taubman, the hard-pressed Sotheby's chairman, who sold a third of his shares in the auction house for personal reasons, then attempted to

float his shopping mails.

Michael Milken, the convicted financier, got his minimum ten-year sentence cut to two by following the Wall with other prosecutions. Ivan Boesky, the insider dealer who informed on Milken, was fined a further \$50 million to civil insider dealing uits while suing his esed wife for \$1 million a

alimony. chties-style big deals re-cd. EMI spent \$1 billion rgin Records, and Amer-Telephone and Telegraph t was prepared to write a billion cheque for one of McCaw Cellular ComPhilip Robinson.

on 12 months most Americans

from President Bush downwards would much rather forget.

munications, the mobile telephone group, buying out BT's stake for about \$1.75 billion in the process. Insurers were blown over with the near \$17 billion cost of Hurricane Andrew, while accountants had a sharp reminder, via multi-million dollar fines, that they must count accurately in company audits.

Bankers winced as Donald Trump, the property develop-er they had to rescue two years ago. gained permission for the largest residential development Manhattan has yet seen. Most bankers now lend him money based on collateral rather than the handshake that was once considered sufficient by NatWest and others.

Executive suite pay cheques continued to grow — to \$75 million for Tony O'Reilly, the Heinz boss, and to almost \$200 million for Michael Eisner and Frank Wells at Walt Disney, who were both given an umpleasant dose of Euro-reality when the Paris branch of the Magic Kingdom failed to charm tourists in their expected droves.

"Downsizing" became cor-poratespeak for "your job's just been axed and the phrase was uttered widely at General Motors, IBM, Ford, Time Warner, Macy's and Sears Roebuck. The subsequent belt-tightening as the nation's consumer confidence sank cutting travel and holidays, sent airlines nose-diving into the red for their second

The biggest airline deal came apart even before it had lined up on the runway when British Airways pulled out of a \$750 million link with USAir. For an America that has been told the start of 1992 occurred nine months after the official end of the recession, few said it felt like it. As job cut after job cut flashed across newspapers and television, many voiced the fear that America was losing its

To cap it all the Japanese bought something else. This time it was a blow deep into the American soul with the majority purchase by Nintendo of the Seattle Mariners baseball team. But the Americans may yet get their own back. If that investment performs as well as other Japanese purchases of American culture, they should be about 40 per cent down on their money within two years.

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Billion-dollar man who came in from the cold ours in this section. Nor, for

Continued from page 28 suspended sentences in February after being found guilty of conspiracy to defraud. Christopher Stainforth, Jonathan Cohen, David Reed and Nicholas Wells had their convictions quashed in July.

The Bad ... Peter Clowes, who in February began a tenyear jail sentence after being found guilty of 18 charges of theft and fraud.

and the Unresolved. Alan Bond, who was released from an Australian prison in August after serving 91 days of a two-and-a-half-year sentence for dishonesty. Mr Bond now faces a retrial.

Best Corporate Exit. A third

year of recession ensured the

fiercest competition for hon-

the first time, was keeping it in the family sufficient defence against the demands of increasingly desperate bankers

— as Paul Reichmann and
Gerald Ronson both discovered, although both are still involved in running the companies the banks now own. But it was the public companies that saw the most

Having clung to power for more than 18 months since his infamous remarks, Gerald Ratner finally resigned from Ratners in November, his path only slightly eased by £375,000 — one year's salary. Off, too, were Tony Millar and Philip Green, from Albert

Fisher and Amber Day respec-

dramatic departures.

tively, helped by rather more heavyweight compensation of £850,000 and £1.1 million each.

In terms of compensation, the £1.9 million that Sir Eric Parker and Sir Nigel Broackes share for making way at Trafalgar House will also be difficult to top. However, for sheer all-

round impact, our prize goes to Bob Horton, whose unexpected resignation from the dual roles of chairman and chief executive at BP in June wiped a cool £1.8 billion off the company's stock market

Perhaps not surprisingly, Mr Horton's compensation package has yet to be

The Chris Patten Award for Reallocated Resources. First prize to Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, which spent £3 billion on buying the Midland Bank.

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Runner-up is Hongkong Land, which took a 15 per cent stake in Trafalgar House in October and has since agreed a complicated option agreement that should give it more than 20 per cent in the not too distant future.

Poison Chalice. A rare selfinflicted award this year goes to Dieter Bock, the German businessman who announced plans in December to invest at least £85 million in Lonrho shares — including a 6.9 per cent stake owned by Tiny Rowland.

Mr Rowland's plans suggest he may not be able to present Mr Bock with his prize for another three years. Others suspect it could be much

Runner-up prizes to the yetto-be appointed non-executive directors at Amstrad and the yet-to-be filled chair at Brent Walker.

Poorest Bid Defence. To the board of Ranks Hovis McDougail, which took a fortnight to decide that its response to Hanson's £780 million bid would be to demerge into three parts. Two weeks later, the same board decided that its future now lay with selling the whole company to Tomkins, which was offering £925 million.

Nigel Lawson Award for Eighties Nostalgia. The stock market got the jitters over new issues but there was still eighties-style money to be made for those who got their buyout timing right and placings underwritten. Our prize is shared by the management of Taunton Cider, Anglian Windows, MFI and the Daily Telegraph. A special consolation prize

goes to the management of Parker Pens. who were looking forward to sharing most than 528 million this Christ mas, until Michael Heselting. referred Gillette's £285 million bid to the Monopolies and Mergers commission. The new year can only be

7.00 News, regional news and weather (5947428) 7.10 Children's BBC beginning with Hallo Spencer. Puppet series (r) (2915003) 7.35 Babar. Animated adventures of a regal elephant (r)

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6.00 News, regional news and weather (7874886) 8.10 Cuckooland. Comedy series from New Zealand (f) (2916867) 8.35 Swamp Thing. Adventures of a comic strip monster hero (r) (1729867) 9.00 News, regional news and weather (5975848) 9.05 Come Midnight Monday. Episode four (r) (4291954) 9.25 Why Don't You...? The first of a new series of entertaining ideas for bored youngsters (s) (2449848) 10.05 Playdays (s) (5688041) 10.25 Plan: The Phantom Treehouse (1984). Animated adventures of a ralicative box with a vivid imagination. Directed by Paul Williams

talkative boy with a vivid imagination. Directed by Paul Williams (1809867)

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11.35 Film: Sons of the Musketeers (1951) starring Cornel Wilde, Maureen O'Hara and Robert Douglas. Swashbuckling yarn in which four men defend the throne of France from the evil machinations of France from the evil machinations of the control of the

four men defend the throne of France from the evil machinations of the ruthless Duke de Lavelle. Directed by Lewis Allen (4895138) 12.55 Regional News and weather (65284022) 1.00 News with Chris Lowe. (Ceefax) Weather (11038886) 1.05 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (65079634) 1.25 Eldorado (r). (ceefax) (s) (93897886) 1.55 Cartoon. Alias St Nick (75117577) 2.10 Film: Star Trek — The Motion Picture (1979) starring William Charters and Leonard Nimou. The first of the his expense page and

2.10 Film: Star Trek — The Motion Picture (1979) starring William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy. The first of the big screen spin-offs from the hit television series. After a re-fit the starship Enterprise is put into commission under the command of Captain Kirk to locate and eliminate the unknown force that is destroying Klingon spaceships. Directed by Robert Wise. (Ceefax) (97073770)
4.15 The Russ Abbot Christmas Show. Comedy sketches. With Les Dennis, Bella Emberg, Tom Bright, Sherrie Hewson, Lisa Maxwell and Barry Craine (r). (Ceefax) (6808206)
4.55 Final Score introduced by David Davies (3897799)
5.05 News with Chris Lowe. (Ceefax) Weather (4311428) 5.15 Ragional News and weather

5.05 News with Critis Lower, (Joeslan) Viscourier (1931) 5.15 Programme News and weather 5.20 Neighbours (r). (Caefax) (s) (8823645) 5.45 Jim*II Fix it. Jimmy Savile, playing his Father Christmas role, arranges for a seven-year-old to climb into the ring with the World Wrestling Federation champion "Rowdy" Piper, Plus film of Jimmy secretly attending a Jimmy Savile Lookalike Party. (Ceefax) (s)

6.30 Telly Addicts. A celebrity edition of the television trivia quiz game. With Pauline Quirke, Unda Robson, Michael Ball, Kelth Barron. Michelle Collins, Rosemarie Ford, Geoffrey Hughes and Danny Baker (s) (935)

7.00 Film: Twins (1988) starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny DeVito. A box-office hit comedy with Schwarzenneger, a gentle giant, going in search of his twin from whom he was separated at birth efter a genetic experiment. When he catches up with the climinutive DeVito, his brother is in all kinds of trouble from both loan sharks and the mob. Directed by Ivan Reltman. (Ceefax) (s) (88843393)

8.45 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather



Acerbic wit: sit-down comedian Jasper Carrott (9.05pm)

9.05 One Jasper Carrott. The comedian in a one-man show from the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane in London. (Ceefax) (s) (400428)
9.55 One Foot in the Grave. Last year's Christmas edition of the comedy series about one of life's natural pessimists, Victor Meidrew. In this his normally quiet existence on the allotment is interrupted by the arrival of a mysterious, dark, bearded figure. Statistic Richard Million and Aparette Crashie. (A) (Ceefax) (s)

Starring Richard Wilson and Annette Crosbie (r). (Ceefax) (s) (521886)
10.45 Match of the Day. Ray Stubbs introduces highlights from two of

today's Premier league games. The commentators are Clive Tyldesley and Tony Gubba (s) (5799867)

11.55 Film: Downhill Racer (1969) starring Robert Redford and Gene Hackman. Drama about a Coforado skier who pursues a lone path in his determination to win gold at the Winter Olympics. Directed by Michael Ritchie (355596) 1.35am Weather (7921165)

BBC2

6.45 Film: Sister Kenny (1946, b/w) starring Rosalind Russell and Alexander Knox. The true story of a young Australian nurse, Elizabeth Kenny, whose pioneering efforts in the treatment of infantile paralysis led her into conflict with the medical authorities.

Directed by Dudley Nichols (33831567)

8.35 Film: The Gay Divorcee (1934, bw). Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers trip through a frothy musical featuring, among others, the Oscar-winning "Continental" and Cole Porter's "Night and Day". Directed by Mark Sandrich (87126848) 10.20 Light of Darkness. Peter Ustinov introduces a commemoration of

the 20 million people killed and the 60 million made homeless by war since 1945. With the London Chamber Orchestra (1716886) 11.10 Songs of Praise from Chester Cathedral (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4880935)



Conducting lessons in opera: Sir Geraint Evans (11.45am)

11.45 Geraint Evans Masterclass. In tribute to the opera singer who died in September, a repeat of his series of masterclasses shown in

died in September, a repeat of his series of masterclasses shown in 1981 beginning with *La Bohèrne* (645954)

12.45 Racing from Chepstow. Live coverage of the Philip Comes' Novices Hurdle (12.55), the Finale Junior Hurdle (1.25), the Coral Welsh Grand National (2.00) and the Horse Racing Abroad Hurdle (2.35). Plus highlights from Leopardistown (20474595)

2.50 The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures. The first of a series of five daily lectures by Professor Charles Stirling, FRS (5111374)

3.50 The Works, A look at machines that are designed to work once

3.50 The Works. A look at machines that are designed to work once only, but perfectly (?). (Ceefax) (5440916)
4.10 Film: Yenti (1983) starring Barbra Streisand and Mandy Patinkin. A musical, based on the novel by Nobel prizewinner isaac Bashevis Singer, about a young woman who decides to defy tradition and become a Talmudic scholar. The film: marked the directorial debut of Barbra Streisand. (Ceefax) (s) (20100770)
6.20 Life with Eliza. Edwardian comedy. (Ceefax) (521503)
6.30 The Hard Nut. An alternative version of the "Nutcracker" ballet performed by the Mark Morris, Dance Group at the Theatre de la Monnale in Brussels (s) (37515)
8.00-12.00 Granadaland.
© CHOICE: The excellent BBC2 institution of the bank holiday

● CHOICE: The excellent BBC2 institution of the bank holiday archive night continues with a generous tribute to a rival channel. Of all the independent television companies, Granada is probably the one most worth celebrating. There is Coronation Street, still pulling in the millions after more than 30 years, the tough journalism of World in Action and the polished period drama of Brideshead Revisited. From its base in Manchester, Granada has projected the authorities when the polished period the subscript value of the North while act to provide that the TV columns. authentic voice of the North, while not torgetting that the ITV network demands programmes of national appeal. It has made popular programmes that are also good programmes. Its achievement is recalled tonight with repeated classics, specially-made documentaries and a novel recreation of University Challenge. It promises to be a diverting four hours (1683). Beginning with Coronation Street. A classic episode from Britain's longestrunning Soap

8.30 From the North. The story of Granada Television. Among those contributing are Jeremy Isaacs, David Plowright and Sir Denis

9.30 Pro-Celebrity University Challenge. A special edition introduced by Bamber Gascoigne. Current undergraduates are pitted against a team that includes celebrity graduates Stephen Fry and John Simpson, the BBC's foreign affairs editor (31683) 10.00 Roll On Four O'Clock. Colin Welland's with 1970 play about life in

a northern secondary modern school. Starring Clive Swift, Tom O'Connor and Colin Welland (r) (2022) 11,00 Northern Songs. Archive film of Liverpool and Manchester bands

(2157)

11.30 Flat Caps and Ferrets. Clips from Granada classics exposting some of the myths about the North of England (62138)

12.00 Film: The Man With X-Ray Eyes (1963) starting Ray Milland.

Roger Corman's science liction drama about a scientist who lives to regret his developing a serum that gives him X-ray vision. (Ceelax) (9562436) 1.15am Weather (3092349)

ITV LONDON

6.00 TV-em (5133799)

9.25 Disney Cartoons (6319206) 9.55 Film: Sinbed and the Eya of the Tiger (1977) starring Patrick Wayne. Anabien Nights adventure in which Sinbad goes in search of his future brother-in-law who has been turned into an ape by his wicked step-mother. Directed by Sam Wanameker (75391041)

12.00 Home and Away. The 1.000th episode of the Australian family drama. (Oracle) (96022) 12.30 News. (Oracle) Weather (43202867) 12.40 Stuntmasters. A showcase for the skills of Hollywood's unsung heroes and heroines

(1814954) ckbeard's Ghost (1967) starring Peter Ustinov. A Disney comedy fantasy about an athletics coach who unwittingly conjures up the ghost of a notorious pirate who is delighted with the chance to do the good deed that will free him from a curse and allow him to

rest in peace. Directed by Robert Stevenson (55140596)

3.30 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (867)

4.00 Film: Flash Gordon (1980) starring Sam Jones, Melody Anderson and Max Von Sydow. Science fiction adventure, based on the comic and Max von Sydow. Science riction acremiture, passed on the context strip character, in which the hero travels to the distant planet of Mongo to battle with the evil Emperor Ming and his Princess Aura who are planning to destroy the world. Eye-dazzling costumes and a powerful soundtrack by Queen. Directed by Mike Hodge. (Oracle)

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(s) Continues after the news (8954)
5.00 News. (Oracle) Sport and weather (4307225)
5.15 Film: Flash Gordon continued (887003)
6.15 Strike It Lucky. The non-stop Michael Barrymore with the quiz game show for couples. (Oracle) (s) (390205)
7.00 Wish You Were Here . . ? Judith Chalmers reports from Mauritius, Victoria Studie samples the east of Canada, John Carter travels by barry through Burgurght and Andrew Leffrey a persolation cope. barge through Burgundy and Andrew Jeffrey, a paraplegic, goes camping with his family in the foothills of the Vosges. (Oracle) (s)



All at sea: Philip Middlemiss, Caroline Milmoe (7.30pm)

 7.30 Coronation Street. (Cracle) (515)
 8.00 The Upper Hand. Patchy comedy series about a male houskeeper and his relationship with his businesswoman boss. Starring Joe McGann, Diana Weston and Honor Blackman (s) (5409)
 8.30 Film: Turn Back the Clock (1989) starring Comie Sellecca and David Dukes. Turiller about an actress who, after shooting her husband dead, has the chance to relive the previous 12 months to see if things would have turned out differently. A remake of the 1947 film Repeat Performance which starred Joan Lestie who makes an appearance in this version. Directed by Larry Elikann. (Oracle) (s (67436190)

10.15 News. (Oracle) Weather (574770) 10.30 Film: Pale Rider (1985) starring and directed by Clint Eastwood. Western drama with Eastwood as the mysterious preacher who comes to the assistance of a group of miners and their families

being terrorised by a ruthless mine-owner and his men. Entertaining first half but devotion to Shane too much in the second. (Oracle) (s) (25712393)

12.40am Film: The People Across the Lake (1988) starring Valerie

Covald McRanev as a city couple who, tired of the

Harper and Gerald McRaney as a city couple who, tired of the pollution and violence, move their family to a peaceful lakeside cottage but soon discover that their new community is hiding a terrible secret. Directed by Arthur Alian Seidelman (s) (467962)

2.30 Film: Blue Iguana (1988) starring Dylan McDermott and Jessica Harper. Comedy crime caper about a bounty hunter, in debt to the government, who is sent by them to a notoriously lawless town to retrieve a laundered \$20 million in unpaid taxes. Directed by John

Lafia (s) (937900) 4.10 Film: Dogtanian — the Movie (1989). Feature-length animation based on the television series, directed by Luis Ballester (880078) 5.55 ITN Morning News (5393349). Ends at 6.00

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

7.00em The Stranger's Hand (1954): A boy's feater disappears in Venice (29935) 9.00 Father Goose (1964): Cary Grant as a

Sourn Seas Novolut (32111)
11.00 Shelfa (1869): Bette Midler reseas
daughter Triry Alvarado (55654)
1.00pen Justs for You (1952): Bing Crosby
nusical (2157)
3.00 The Kid who Loved Christmas
(1000): A beautiful a letter (1200):

(1990): A boy wants a father (17409) 5,00 The Adventures of Niko and Otis (1989): The story of a cat and a dog (55799) 7.00 Robin Hood (1991): Patrick Bergin

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LIFESTYLE

UK GOLD

10.00am The Sprai Zone (39848) 10.30 The Rush Limbaugh Snow (97888) 11.00 Gloss (10884) 11.30 The Joan Rivers Show (248225) 12.18pm Sally Jessy Rephasi (9712188) 1.10 Limbbox (64283461) 1.40 Sel-e-Vision (45006119) 2.10 1 Can Jump Puddies (3257138) 3.00 The New Newlywed Game (2566) 3.30 The Mothers-in-Law (5515) 4.00 Dick Van Dyke Show (4022) 4.30 American Gameshows (8026) 5.00 Concentration (7041) 5.30 Sel-e-Vision (676022) 10.00 Julabox Music Videos (8384480) 2.30-3.00ap Top Five (25558)

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CHANNEL 4

6.00 Cartoons (21954) 7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin

9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (6307461) 9.25 Laurel and Hardy (5970383) 9.30 Sesame Street (74041) 10.30 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line (95652) 11.00 Pro-Celebrity Golf. Hale Irwin and Sam Torrance are joined by

Christopher Lee and John Parrott at the Dromoland Castle Hotel course in Ireland. Introduced by Tony Jacklin (88664) 12.00 Famous Faces, Famous Places. Our game presented by William

G. Stewart (s) (94664) 12.30 Channel 4 Racing from Kempton Park and Leopardstown. Brough Scott introduce live coverage of the 12.45, 1.15, 1.45, 2.20 and 2.50 races from Kempton Park and the 2.40 from

Leopardstown (46087409) Leopardstown (4008/409)

3.15 Film: A Raistn in the Sun (1961). The Sidney Politier season continues with this screen version of Lorraine Hansberry's prize-winning Broadway play about a poor black family tiving in a Chicago tenement and the effect a \$10,000 insurance pay-out has on their lives. With Claudia McNell, Ruby Dee and Diana Sands. Directed by Daniel Petric. (Teleted) (49305003)

5.35 La Desodors. Animation from Hungary, by Joszef Nepp (897206) 5.55 News summary and weather (479190)

Noseanne. Wisecracking cornedy starting Roseanne Arnold and John Goodman (r) (Teletext) (393)
 Nonder Years. Cornedy about growing up in 1960s America

(r) (645)
7.00 Coney Island
CHOICE: The respectable classes snifted and the New York Times called it "Sodom by the sea" but from the late 19th century to times called it "sodom by the sea" but from the late 19th certainy to the 1960s Coney Island provided New Yorkers, particularly the poorer ones, with a flamboyant escape into a fantasy world. This five-mile long spit of land at the foot of Brooklyn may have attracted prostitutes, pickpockets and swindlers, as well as shady businessmen trying to make a quick fortune. But the vast amusement parks with their rollercoasters, simulated disasters and other novelties offered much innocuous pleasure. This documentary is from the team which made the impressive BBC2 series on the American civil war, it concentrates on Coney Island's

series on the American civil war. It concentrates on Coney Island's pre-1914 heyday, skillully evoking the period with archive lootage, still photographs and first-hand memories (5119)

8.00 Brookside. Soap set in suburban Merseyside. (Teletext) (s) (6751)

8.30 Desmond's. Gentle comedy series set in a Peckham, south London, barber's. (Teletext) (s) (5886)

9.00 An Angel at My Table. The first of an award-winning three-part film

biography of the New Zealand writer Janet Frame, to be shown on consecutive nights. (Teletext) (4003) 10.00 This is Garth Brooks. A showcase for the Grammy Award-winning country and western singer (s) (7190)



Railroaded: Sidney Politier and John Cassavetes (11.00pm)

11.00 Film: Edge of the City (1957, b/w) starring Sidney Poiner and John Cassavetes. A powerful drama about a sullen and neurotic army deserter who is betriended by a New York railroad freight loader Martin Ritt's first film as director (932409)

Martin Ritt's first rum as director (\$32409)

12.35am Rim: Terror of Mechagodzilla (1975). Another in the Japanese-made Godzilla series. Directed by Inoshiro Honda. English dialogue (5885610). Ends at 2.05

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VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: \$25-9.55 Just For Laughs (\$319208) 1.25 Film: The Princess and the Phate (\$8565206) 3.10-3.30 Car-tion Time (\$544119) CENTRAL

As London except: 2.30mm Film: Broken Arrow (605645) 4.10-5.55 Film: Dogtanian

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Starts: 9.25 Film. The Ghost of St Michael's

7.00 Music to Mazant's Ears: The first of five programmes of concertos by Mazant, including

music by his contemporaries. Mozart (Flute Concerto in G. K313: Lisa Beznostuk; Academy of Ancient Music

Academy of Andarit Mose under Hogwood); G.B. Sammartini (Sinfonia in D: Ensemble 415 under Banchini); J.M. Kraus (Piano Tno in D: Luca Negro, fortepiano, Jaap Schröder, violin, Kari Ottesen, cello) News

8.00 News 8.03 Music to Mozart's Ears

(cont): LA Lebrun (Oboe Concerto in D minor: Pau

Goodwin: English Concert under Pinnock): Mozart (Piano Concerto No 24 in C minor, K491. John Gibbons, lorleplano: Orchestra of the

Toneplano, Orchestra to the 18th Century under Brüggen)
Composer of the Week:
Offenbach, Cello Concerto
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Under Kurzeli); Les Larmes du
Jacqueline (Münchener
Kammeroch under Hans
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Stadmair, with Werner Thomas, cello), Suite No 1 for two cellos (Rotan Pidous and Elienne Péclard)

Concert: Bach (Cantala No 51, Jauchzet Gott: Christmas

under Martin Neary, with Emma Kirkby, soprano, James Bowman, counter-tenor, William Kendall, tenor, Peter

Harvey, bass, Stephen Keavy,

12.00 Vintage Years: Robert Philip introduces a programme of recordings of Mahler, performed by Oskar Pried, Otto Klemperer, Burno Walter

and Willem Mengelberg 1.00pm News 1.05 John Bingham, piano.

performs Tippett (Sonata No 2): Liszt (Sposatzlo, Les

cióches de Genéve, Vallée d'Obermann, Années de Pélernage); Scrabin (Sonala

10.00 Westminster Abbey

(rumpet)

Oratorio, Parts 1-3: Wesiminister Abbey Choir and the Brandenburg Consort

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Rocket flight to the planet Mongo: Melody Anderson as Dale Arden (4.00pm)

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SKY ONE

a. The DJ Kad Shov Captain Cavemen (8973834) 8.55 Playabout (488598) 8.16 Cartoons (7720374) 9.30 The Pyramid Game (57645) 10.00 Strike It Rich (82634) 10.30 The Bold and the Besutiful (27916) 11.00 The Young and the Restless (35596) 12.00 Fatcon Crest (70596) 1.00pm E Street (39312) 1.30 Another World (71577) **2.30** Santa Berbara (5183770) **3.1**5 The New Leave of to Beaver (1985) 3.45 The DJ Kal Show (2937138) 5.00 Size Treic The Next Generator (5618) 6.00 Rescus (9867) 6.30 E Streat (5119) 7.00 All (1225) 7.30 Farsily Tass (8003) 8.00 Parker Leavis Can'l Lose (7645) 8.30 The Thorn Birth Second of a four-part mini series (86751) 10.30 Studs (28645) 11.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (16461) 12.00 Skytext SKY NEWS

SKY MOVIES+

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6.00am Showcase (6880289)
10.00 See You in the Morning (1999): Jeff Endges manies Afice Kngs (62577)
12.00 Hil Honey, I'm Dead! (1997): Curlis Armstrong comes back to life (13896)
2.00pm Grand Larceny (1988): Maniu Henner retrieves stolen goods (10138)
4.00 Rocky V (1990): Sylvasiae Stallone steps back fito the ring (5428)
8.00 Born to Ride (1991): John Stamos traits the US Cavelly (50374)
8.00 National Larspoon's Vacadion (1983): Crievy Crase travels to Californie (63549)
10.00 Graveyard, Shift (1990): Stephen Kng horror story (935461)
11.35 Predator 2 (1990): Denny Glover tracks the muderous after (723946)
1.25am The Inhibition (1983): A psychopath galactashes a sorotify house party (482287)
2.00 The Repe of Dr Willias (1991): Jackyn Shift operates on her assesiant (78788)
4.30 Miurder Times Seven (1990): Richard Crems stars as detective Frank Janek (4802441). Ends at 5.50

SKY MOVIES GOLD 4,00pm The Cowboys (1972): John Wayne enfests boys for a cettle drive (86067157) 6.10 Statis Fair (1962): Musical starting Pat Boone and Bobby Darin (S3483113) 8.10 Alice Docen't Live Here Anymore (1974): Starting Elen Burstyn (67261799) 10.05 That Adventures of Burstano Banzal Across the Eighth Dissension (1984): Poler Weier stars as a rock star, neuro-surgeon and detender of the earth (699022). Ends at 12.00

8.30mm Stretch (55896) 7.00 Cricket World Cup (74409) 9.00 Morning Stretch (75864) 9.30 The Big League (54003) 11.30 Stretch (29883) 12.00 Jack (High (26898) 1.00pm Ringside 12.00 Jack (17003) 3.00 Supersters (39799) 4.00 Garne of Billions (18206) 5.00 American Sports (6889) 6.00 Societ News (777175) 6.63 WWF Wrestling (15770) 7.00 Footbelt: Aston Villa v Arsenal (63312) 10.00 Societ News (633119) 10.03 Societ Footbelt: Aston VIIa v Arsenal (883312) 10.00 Soccer News (686119) 10.03 Boots and Al (68428) 11.00 Feshing the West (19935) 11.30 Feotbell (ea 7pm) (11003) 1.30-2.30em American Sports (83813) EUROSPORT

SKY SPORTS

8.00mm Step Aerobics (87409) 8.30 Golf (40312) 10.30 Step Aerobics (86316) 11.00 Malarsport (86848) 12.00 Euroscores Magazine (7443848) 12.10 pm European Ice Hockey (15108190) 2.30 Spengler Ice Hockey (150751) 5.00 Spooker (5205) 6.00 European (17138) 7.00 European News (6605) 7.30 Spengler Ice Hockey (804663) 10.00 Scraing (38770) 11.30-12.00 Europort News (20190) SCREENSPORT

7.00am Eurobics (76967) 7.30 Bud Water Ski Tour (55374) 8.00 Boxing (99472) 9.30 NFL in Review (50567) 10.00 Pro Kotk (84898) 11.00 Eurobics (25596) 11.30 Off Road Racing (26225) 12.00 Squash (24428) 1.00pm Grundig Global Adventurs Sport (75138) 1.30 Pro Bics (24225) 3.30 Pro Bisse (7119) 4.00 Surfing (9254) 4.30 Med's Pro Beach Volleyball (94157) 5.30 Off Road

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William Brade, from collections published in Hamburg and Lubeck In 1609 and 1617 French National Orchestra

French National Orchasura under Georges Prétre: François Pollet, soprano; French Ractio Chorus perform Florent Schmitt (La palais harté, Op 49); Roussel (Bacchus et Ariane, Suite No 2); Poufanc (Gloria); Ravel (La Valsa) Valse)
4.05 New for St Gilles: Peter
Hurford plays the Rieger
organ. Couparin (Offenoire,
Messe des perolsses); Daquin
(Noël sur les jeux d'anches et
en duo); Lebégue, ar
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de Marie); Murill (Certilor);
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de Marie); Murill (Ceriton);
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minor, 1st and 4th mwts); Bach
(Gelobet selst du, Jesu Christ,
BWV 604, Prelude and Fugue
in D, BWV 532)
5.00 Verdi Volces; Callas, de los
Angeles, Gelli-Curol, Tibbett,
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6.00 Perahla Playe; Liszt

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Heifetz's recorded reperiore p Beethoven's Ninth: Symphony No 9 in D minor, Choral (Chorus of Deutsche Oper, Berin State Opera Orchestra under Daniel Barenboim, with Lucia Popp, soprano, Uta Priew, contratio, Peter Serifiert, tenor, René Pena lasso)

Page bass; 8.50 Hamlet, Part 2: Peter Jeffrey. Harriet Walter, John Moffatt and Simon Russell Beale ster in a play by Peny Pontec (r) 9.20 Spirit of the Earth: William Robson introduces music from

the world-wide festival, including the Wutel Monks and the Rustavi Choir from Georgia the Rustavi Chor from Georgia 10.45 Misday It: 1992 highlights 11.30 O Magnum Miraculum: In this seasonal concert, recorded at St. John's, Smith Square, the Hilliand Ensamble performs a repeatory of Iturgical Christmas music and songs from Eastern Europe 12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing, incl 6.03
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6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
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8.00, 8.30 News 6.45
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The Lost Continent, by Bill
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1.00 News 9.05 in the

News 9,05 in the Psychiatrist's Chair: Dr Anthony Clare meets Toyah Anthory Clare meets Toyan Wilcox (s) (r)

9.45 Tales from the Brigadier:
Stumped Richard Wilson reads the first of five reports by Peter Transwood from behind the pavilion at Witney Scrotum

10.00-10.30 Questions of Taste (FM only): Chris Kelly chairs the food and drink quiz (s)

10.00 Pells Service 0. W only from

10.00 Dally Service (LW only) from St Michael's Convent, Ham

St Michael's Convent, Ham
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10.15 Paradise Lost (LW only):
John Million's poem (38/41)

10.30 The Million Pound Radio
Show (s) (1)

11.00 News; Gosling on the High
Street: Ray Gosling explores
the history of famous high
street traders (s) (f) 11.30 Murder on the Orient

Express
CHOICE: Have Christie with your coffee each morning this week on board the world's most famous train in a new five-part adaptation of the classic story, now almost 60 years old. Not a lengthy part years our. Not a lengthy part for Joss Ackland, burnoed off in this first episode; but lots of acting fatent stall around, headed by John Moffatt as an easy-to-follow Polrot, and a moties passagner flet moley passenger list, including Sian Phillips as the Princess, Sylvia Sinis, an American relation, and

Desmond Liewelyn, Q in the Bond films, as the dead man's valet, Whodunit? You will have to wait until Friday (s) 12.00 The X-Fector: Albert Roux and Marco Pierre White 12.25pm Utarteige, by P.G. Wodehouse. Starring Griff

Rhys Jones (2/5) (s) 12.55 James Naughtie 1.40 The Archers (s) (r) 1.55

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2.00 News; Christmas Spirits:
The Exordsm. Don Taylor
offects a radio version of his
own play, the third in a series
of ghostly dramas (s)
3.30 Carry on Up the Zeitgelst:
Edward Bishen looks at the
wartime comedy, ITMA (s) (r)
4.00 News

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4.05 Relative Values: Michael
O'Donnell meets the
Marchants (s) (r)
4.45 Short Story: The Trial of the
Virgin, by Luisa Valenzuela.
Read by Diana Bishop (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast
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7.50 No Ordinary Woman: Valerie
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8.15 Sweet Adelaide: The singer Adelaide Hell talks to June Knox-Mawer about her early days in New York (s) (f)

8.45 Northern Lights: Cultures on Ice. Deniel Snowman on the Circumpolar Arctic (1/3) (s) (r)

9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)

9.45 Fighting for Father Christmas: Does Santa Ive in Greenland or Finland? (r) 9.59 Weather

Weather 19.00 The World Tonight, with Max Easterman (s)

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Doctor's Family, by Marganet Oliphant. Abridged and read by Morag Hood (1/10)

11.00 Hancock's Half Hour. Almost a Cantilomen (1/10)

a Gentleman (r) 11.30 Cleanness: Anthony Hyde relets the story of Noah and reless the story of noan and the Flood (s)

11.45 Jarvis's Frayn Too: Martin Jarvis performs Michael Frayn's view of the world (s)

12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 World Service (LW only)

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Billion-dollar man who came in from the cold

Matthew Bond chooses his winners for

alternative business awards of 1992.

a year of stagnation and painful lessons

year ago: wrestling with the dilemma of whether to begin 1992 by forecasting economic recovery in the fifth quarter or the sixth? Tricky, wasn't it? And what a complete waste of time. A year may have passed. but the economy hardly noticed, its progress apparently frozen in the icy grip of perma-

Just about the only things still rising after this annus immobilis are unemployment, which moves ever closer to 3 million, and a supposedly farsighted stock market, which seems to have been anticipating recovery for much longer than it ever discounted recession. Clearly, there are still people around with money to bet on a tenth-quarter recovery. Or should that be

But 1992 was not just a year of going nowhere. There were lessons to be learnt on the way. We now know, for instance, that floors, especially those laid on fragile European foundations, are there not to be walked on, but fallen through. We know, too, that interest rates can be both very high and very low within a few weeks, even hours, of the other - and that both are right. How do we know? That nice Norman Lamont told us.

But our prize for Business-man of the Year goes to someone who did not listen to a word Mr Lamont said. Or if he did, George Soros did not believe it. Like all the best ideas, his was brilliant in its simplicity.

In essence, Mr Soros just did not believe that Britain, whose economy was compared ever more frequently with that of the thirties, could have a currency exploring historic highs against the American dollar courtesy of astonishingly high British in-terest rates. Something had to give. By staking his financial might that it would be the pound that buckled. Hungarian-born Mr Soros and his Quantum fund collected a \$1 billion profit when Mr Lamont eventually bowed to the inevitable in September. Mr Soros also wins PR Triumph of the Year, by giving away \$50 million of his profit to charities working in Yugoslavia and thereby making currency speculation almost acceptable. Runner-up is Peter

emember this time a Wood, chief executive of Direct Line, the insurance arm of the Royal Bank of Scotland, who earned a £6 million bonus last year as a result of the company's phenomenal success. Mr Wood said he was not interested in material possessions but "liked playing tennis and playing with his child-ren". His children are now wondering what to do with the Andre Agassi they got for Christmas. One note of caution for our winners. Two of last year's joint winners, Michael Jordan and Richard Stone, the high profile insolvency experts at Coopers & Lybrand, were this year found guilty of professional misconduct and

fined £1,000 each. So no

resting on your laurels.

Chancellor of the Year. No real surprises here - indeed, no real contest. Step forward Helmut Schlesinger, president of the Bundesbank, who con-trolled British economic policy this year with a vice-like grip.
As long as there was even the teeny-weeniest chance of inflation in Germany, interest rates throughout western Europe had to be high. Herr Schle-singer also wins a special St Peter Prize for denying that on three occasions before devaluation he said the pound was over-valued.

Booby prize in this section goes to John Smith for failing to recognise that announcing plans to raise combined tax rates on fairly modest levels of income to 59 per cent was not a good way of endearing the Labour party to Britain's middie classes, or of winning a general election.

Access Award for Most Flexible Friend. No shift in economic policy was too much for our accommodating winner. You wanted high interest rates — you got them. Low rates - no problem. Zero inflation or economic growth - name your target and our man delivers. As for the exchange-rate mechanism. he can take it or leave it. Without a scintilla of doubt, step forward Norman Lamont

Teflon Non-stick Award. To Sir Terence Burns, who is still permanent secretary to the Treasury. Sir Terence is forecasting that he will collect his prize in March. See you in November, Terry.

Norman Lamont Prize for Economic Consistency. To John Major, who told the Scottish CB1 on September 10 or two in the pool.

Reviewing Your

Portfolio?

Why Not Review



Business faces of '92: clockwise from bottom left, Sir John Quinton, Helmut Schlesinger, Gerald Ratner, Lord Spens, John Bryan, Pandora and Kevin Maxwell, George Soros and Norman Lamont

that leaving the ERM and futures." he said. So much the future then

Financial Adviser of the Year, John Bryan, investment adviser to the Duchess of York. despite his apparent belief that the SIB's "cooling off" regulations meant a vigorous length

PR Gaffe of the Year. Mr devaluation were not on the Bryan was a strong contender government's agenda. "The in this category as well, alsoft option, the devaluer's option, the devaluer's option. tion, the inflationary option, comfortably beaten by Michwould be a betrayal of our ael Heseltine, the trade secretary. Mr Heseltine's political career is not expected to recover from the outcry that greeted his announcement in October that he planned to close 31 British Coal pits with the loss of 30,000 jobs. Nor was the British coal industry util the

High Court declared the deci-

sion unlawful in December. The Winston Churchill Prize for Supreme Sacrifice. Never has so much been owed by so few. So much was the small matter of more than £4 billion of underwriting losses incurred between 1988-90. So few were the dwindling band of British gentry forced to foot the bill. As the year came to a close, it looked likely that the number of this gallant band of Lloyd's names still able to satisfy the solvency require-ments would fall below 20,000.All those that remain share the big cash prize, which as normal will be collected by a

working member. Paul Reichmann Award for Property Speculation. To Barclays Bank, which proved it had an unerring nose for an over-priced proper-ty deal. Imry, Rosehaugh, Heron, Canary Wharf, Mountleigh - Barclays lent to them all. Trevor Osborne, of Speyhawk, spoke for the property industry when in May he told Sir John Quinton. Barday's chairman: "Sir John, we owe you more than we can

ever repay." Sir John will

collect the prize next month, after his retirement.

The Black Hole of Bombay. To Standard Chartered Bank which discovered that lending to investors on the Bombay stock market could have lost it more than £100 million. Rodney Galpin, Standard Chartered's chairman, will collect this prize in June, after his retirement.

o matter how big the mistake, how damaging the error of judgment. apologies and resignations were simply not on the agenda in 1992. "I make mistakes therefore I am", was the rule. The exception and Most Honourable Departure winner was George Nissen, who resigned as chairman of the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation in June after the body was severely criticised for its miserable role in the Maxwell

pension fund saga.
The Award For Media Relations. To Pandora Maxwell for pithily responding to a 6.30 am ring on the front door bell by leaning out of an upstairs window and telling those assembled below to "p*** off". Mrs Maxwell's excuse was that she thought she was addressing the press. Unfortunately, she was addressing the police, who had come to arrest

her husband, Kevin. The Uriah Heep Award. To Kevin Maxwell, who, on being declared Britain's biggest ever bankrupt in September, with personal debts of more than £400 million, said he found it

a "very humbling experience". As the year drew to a close, brother Ian was also threatened with bankruptcy when the High Court ordered him to pay an interim £500,000 to the Mirror Group funds.

Non-Events of the Year. First prize to Hanson, which in an action-packed 12 months failed to buy Canary Wharf, Ranks Hovis Mc-Dougall and Costain's Australian coal operation. Runnerup was Tony Ryan and GPA, the Irish aircraft leasing com-pany which, despite the help of Lord Lawson and Sir John Harvey Jones, turned the \$3 billion stock market float planned for the summer into a \$3.5 billion emergency debt refinancing just six months later. Third prize goes to Alan Sugar for failing to take Amstrad private.

Publish and Be Damned. To Terry Smith, former head of research at UBS Phillips & Drew. He did and was . . . and was sacked into the bargain.

The Good ... A disastrous year for the Serious Fraud Office. But a better one for those on the receiving end of their prolonged attentions. For the Guinness Two, things came to a halt in February when the trial of Roger Seelig and Lord Spens was halted on the grounds of Mr Seelig's ill-health. Lord Spens had to wait until November though to be formally acquitted.

As for the Blue Arrow Four, it was a case of \$40 million of trial costs very badly spent. Having initially been given Continued page 26, col 3

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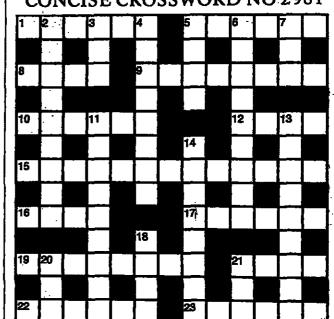
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14 Formal lunch (8)

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11 Decide (9)

18 Break (4)

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Great stone block (8) 10 Canoe blade (6)

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WINNING MOVE Grandmasters Artur Yusupov and Jon Speelman were both world championship semi-finalists in 1989, but in their game from the Foreign & Colonial Hastings Premier 1989/90.

Speelman, playing black, over-looked a possibility to win material. Can you see what he missed? British grandmasters Num and Speelman will be among the eight players in the top section at this year's Hastings tournament. Further details from the British Chess Federation on 0424 442500 (Raymond Keene).

By PHILIP HOWARD

b. A brown-noser c. An ejaculation

PIKING a. A drug king b. Cheating

SHONKY a. Unreliable b. A White woman c. A hand-gun

WORD-WATCHING

SLANG

CREEPING JESUS

a. A Jesuit missionary

GOOGIE a. To ogle lastiviously b. The withers C. An egg

Answers on page 16

Cheers to a £24bn drinks bill

By Martin Waller and Derek Harris shows that 56,000 jobs out-

BRITAIN is heading for a £24.3 billion hangover after the Christmas and new year festivities. This is the

tail consultant.

amount the population will have spent on drink in 1992, and a quarter of that will have been taken home, according to a report on offlicences from Verdict Research, the specialist re-

The paper charts the de-cline of the public house in favour of the off-licence and big supermarket chains. The increasing popularity of wine, and the inability of the average pub to provide the standard expected by a

more discriminating population, is also helping the off-trade to make gains.

in consumer spending.

Separate research commissioned by the Scotch Whisky Association shows, for the first time, how far whisky distillers' problems can have a knock-on effect outside the industry. Although exports of Scotch whisky are holding up, sales in the UK have fallen this year 10 per cent, or by about I million cases, raising fears of short-time working in the

The number of those directly employed in the whisky industry has been reduced to 15,000, but the research

with 85 per cent of production going abroad. The Scotch whisky makers are campaigning for more equal taxation of drinks,

based on alcohol content. A glass of whisky and one of wine contain the same amount of alcohol yet excise duty on the whisky is 23p against 12p on the wine, the association says.

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Verdict says that Britain

will grow ever more abstemious. Spending on drink will have risen 3 per cent in 1992, behind the overall rise

industry and possible job losses.